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On Budget  
Fall ApartBoth Sides Call  
Accord UnlikelyBy Howell Raines  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Budget negotiations between President Reagan and Democratic congressional leaders have fallen apart, and participants in a three-hour meeting in the Capitol said there is almost no chance that the budget deadlock can be resolved through a bipartisan compromise.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said the negotiations Wednesday failed because of a "basic philosophical disagreement" that emerged between him and the president.

Mr. Reagan was to go on television Thursday night to lay out his side of the controversy. Democrats have asked the networks for equal

The task of putting together a budget for next year now falls to the leaders' and committees of Congress. A result, according to administration officials, is likely to be more uncertainty than ever over the size of the deficit in the next three years.

Wall Street responded pessimistically to the news, though stock analysts said they believed that the impact would be short-term. The Dow Jones industrial average closed off 7.70 points at 844.94. [Details, Page 13.]

The collapse of Wednesday's talks appeared to be an overture

Economists say the failure of the budget talks harks prospects for a sustained recovery. Page 3.

for an election-year battle in which the outcome of the budget contest could help determine control of Congress.

The Senate majority leader, Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee, said that Mr. Reagan offered a three-month delay in the effective date of the 1983 income tax cut in an effort to reach a compromise with his congressional opponents.

Sen. Baker and other Republican leaders said that Mr. Reagan, by altering his before-the-budget opposition to any change in his tax program, had walked "the extra mile" to avoid a partisan battle over the budget for the fiscal year 1983.

But Democratic participants insisted that Mr. Reagan agreed to delay the tax cut for three months only if they agreed to a three-month delay in the cost-of-living increases in 1983 in Social Security and other benefit programs that the Democrats want to protect.

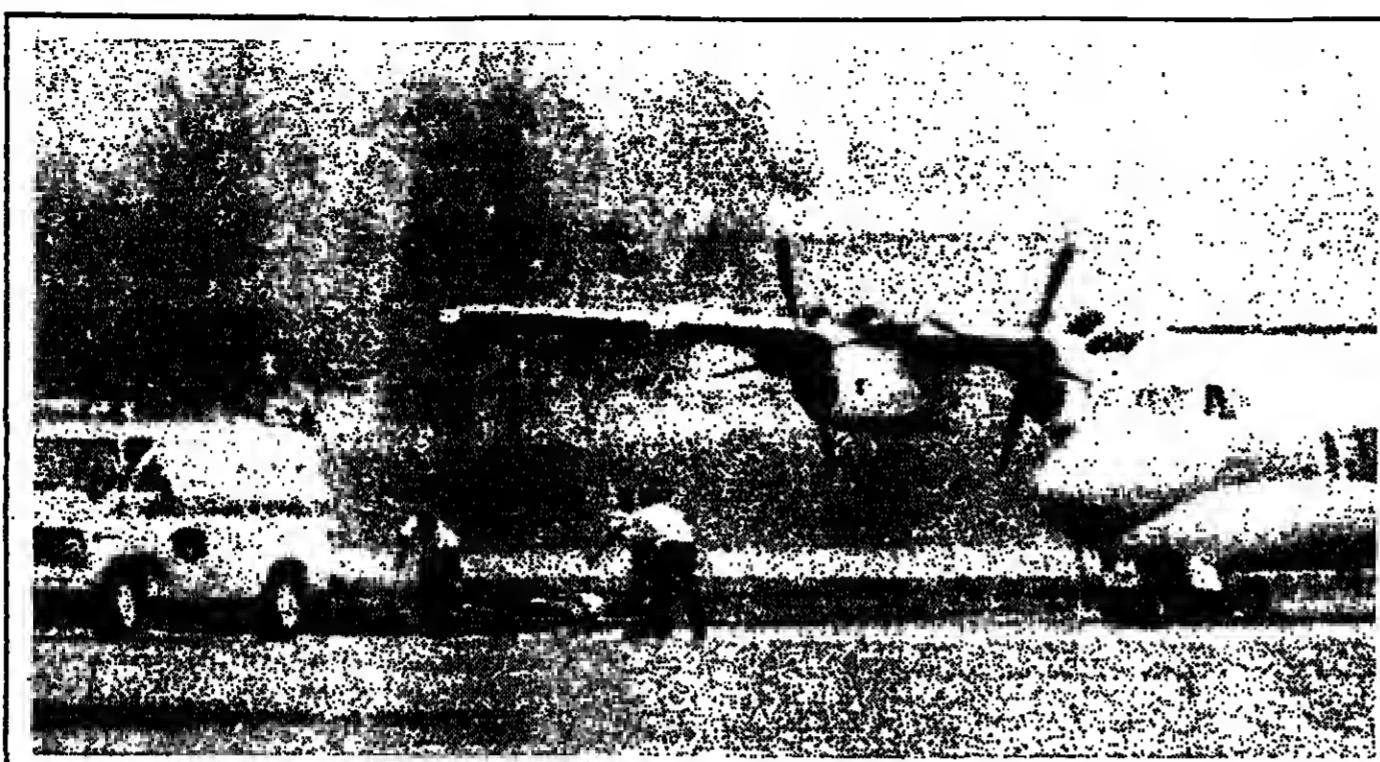
The partisan nature of the year's first head-to-head budget session between Mr. Reagan and Rep. O'Neill was evident from the outset, as Rep. O'Neill opened the meeting by protesting the seating plan that placed him next to the president.

Changing Sides

Rep. O'Neill's aides said the Massachusetts Democrat moved to the opposite side of the table because that is the normal setting order in a bargaining session.

Republican congressional aides countered that Rep. O'Neill had to be closer to two fellow Democrats in attendance, Rep. Jim Wright of Texas, the House majority leader, and Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri, the chairman of the Rules

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HONDURAN HIJACKING — A man is taken to an ambulance after being released by hijackers in Honduras. He was among 16 freed hostages, but 28 were still held Thursday. The hijackers demanded the release of 32 prisoners. Page 2.

## U.S. Aide Suggests Summit Without Brezhnev

By Lou Cannon  
Washington Post Service

threatening to other members of the Politburo."

WASHINGTON — A White House official has suggested publicly for the first time that the United States is willing to engage in a summit meeting with a Soviet leader other than miring President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Norman Bailey, director of planning for the National Security Council, said Wednesday it would be "entirely appropriate" for President Reagan to meet with Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov if Mr. Brezhnev, who is 75, is too ill.

Mr. Bailey said, "The Soviet leadership is in considerable disarray. Brezhnev is quite ill, and this situation could continue for some time. There are a number of candidates to succeed him and no obvious successor."

"For all practical purposes, there has been a collective leadership in the Soviet Union since Stalin died; and this has become more evident recently."

"So it may not be realistic for the president to meet with Brezhnev. But it would be entirely appropriate for him to meet with someone like Tikhonov, who is president and head of government."

"He's not considered a likely successor to Brezhnev and therefore would not be perceived as

held the same position as does Mr. Tikhonov, he was a far more powerful figure in the Soviet hierarchy."

Mr. Bailey's comments reflected a widely held view within the administration that a summit will be held when the question of Mr. Brezhnev's availability is resolved. Mr. Bailey said, "I'm betting on a summit this year."

On April 5, Mr. Reagan invited Mr. Brezhnev to meet him in New York in June. Mr. Reagan said he would go to New York to address a United Nations conference on disarmament and invited Mr. Brezhnev to do the same.

## Proposal Rejected

Administration spokesmen declined to describe any such meeting as a summit. Mr. Brezhnev rejected the proposal, suggesting instead a fall summit in Europe.

At this point, we're throwing out signals that we should have a summit and they're throwing signals back saying, "Don't be precipitous," Mr. Bailey said.

Mr. Bailey cited President Lyndon B. Johnson's meeting with Premier Alejo N. Kosygin in 1968 as a precedent for a presidential meeting with the Soviet head of government.

One administration official said Mr. Bailey "even in speculation said more than he should have

said," but the official also expressed the view that a summit is likely this year.

## U.S. Plans Invitation to Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring that "everyone would lose" in a nuclear war, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger told Congress on Thursday that President Reagan would invite the Soviet Union to start strategic arms reduction talks "in the near future."

Mr. Weinberger made the statement before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which began a series of hearings on proposals to freeze nuclear arms or to revive the never-ratified SALT-2 agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union to limit strategic bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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## Fear of War Softens Europe's Pro-U.K. Mood

By Richard Eder  
New York Times Service

PARIS — For the rest of Europe, the rationale for the gradual progress of the British fleet toward the Falkland Islands has also been similar to the rationale for a nuclear deterrent: the point was not to use it.

In the days after the Argentine landing on April 2, Britain's European partners gave unqualified support to its vigorous reaction. Now that the fleet has arrived and seems about to go into action, the mood has changed. Britain's allies still support it publicly, and officially the latest backing was registered Tuesday at a European Economic Community meeting in Luxembourg.

A cartoon in Thursday's *Le Monde* newspaper expressed it. A caricature of Alexander M. Haig Jr., the U.S. secretary of state, has moved his negotiating table to the bottom of the sea, and gloomily waits for the Argentine and British wails.

The Italian foreign minister, Emilio Colombo, supporting this emphasis, said Italy would be in a difficult position if British troops were used against Argentina.

Reports from the fleet said Adm. Woodward intended to station ships armed with anti-aircraft missiles in a rough circle around the islands, perhaps 50 or more miles offshore. Other ships will be assigned to protect the aircraft carriers *Hermes* and *Invincible* and the supply ships. The carriers' Harrier jump jets will be used to stage "combat air patrols" and the three nuclear-powered submarines will cruise under water along the perimeter of the exclusion zone.

The Ministry of Defense has said it will "close" the air strip at Stanley and has threatened to destroy any planes found there.

As the fleet moved into position, British and foreign diplomats here said they had no reason to be optimistic that Argentina was moving toward acceptance of the Haig proposals. They said the absence of any guarantee of ultimate Argentine sovereignty appeared to constitute a condition that the junta would accept only at its own peril.

ships above him to destroy each other and sink to talking level.

Britain was right, the West German *Süddeutsche Zeitung* said Wednesday, but this did not remove the fact that an absurdity was turning into a tragedy. "If London does not want to gamble away international good will," the newspaper continued, "it can seek only a peaceful solution — with the aid of the United States, the Europeans or the UN."

At the meeting in Luxembourg, Belgium's foreign minister, Leo Tindemans, announced that the EEC continued to support Britain.

But he also stressed the need to find a diplomatic solution.

The substance of Mr. Tindemans' words was no different, technically, from what the British are saying, but the emphasis was shaded.

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ships, many of whom are of Italian descent.

Italian Foreign Ministry sources said that Italy would continue to hope "until the last minute that mediation will succeed," but they would not speculate on what the position would be if matters deteriorated.

The French government has not budged from its initial, unequivocal support for firm British action.

Neither has the West German government, officially. But German officials say that military escalation would cause them to reconsider the situation.

West Germany is Argentina's biggest trade partner in Europe, and a principal supplier of weapons. Not long ago, the West German government stopped calling the disputed territory the Falklands and began referring to it as the Falkland-Malvinas. Although this was officially explained as a measure to match UN terminology, officials did not hide the fact

that it was intended as a gesture to the Argentines.

If there has been a slight drop in the level of initial support, there are a number of reasons for it.

Originally, there was the fact that Britain was an ally and that Argentina was politically and geographically, remote from most of the European nations. The fact that, whatever the respective historical claims, Argentina was the aggressor, counted as well.

In the case of the French, there was the additional reflection that if small bits of former empire are to be seized by Third World countries because of geographical proximity, France has a rock or two of her own that could be at issue.

The notion that a member of the Western alliance, demoralized by internal wrangling and economic crisis, could muster its forces to respond to an attack was seen as an encouraging example, as well.

### Unreality of War

However, all this support depended to some degree on the apparent unreality of any serious chance of war. Britain's martial mobilization was seen as a means of compelling negotiations, not of replacing them.

There is no sense among Britain's European allies of just what actual fighting will accomplish. European newspapers are reporting the growth of intransigence in Argentina, and of a popular mood that clearly threatens the military government if it does not stand fast.

The sense of unhappy choices has not totally replaced the tendency to stress the ludicrous nature of the confrontation. "A war between invalids," the French business newspaper *Les Echos* called it, referring to the economic feeblemess out of which both sides were constructing their warfare.

But the comments have grown steadily grimmer. "It is easy to start a war," Le Monde said earlier this week. "It is much harder to stop it. Especially when emotional and irrational factors are involved in the quarrel, which is plainly the case in the dialogue of the deaf now going on between Great Britain and Argentina."

According to a clandestine statement circulated in Warsaw on Thursday, four fugitive leaders of Solidarity have united to lead a struggle against the martial-law system while Lech Walesa, the head of the union, is jailed.

They called for a token nationwide 15-minute work stoppage

May 13 to mark five months of martial law. The four unionists met secretly April 22 and formed a temporary coordinating committee, the Solidarity statement said.

Zbigniew Bujak of Warsaw province, Wladyslaw Frasyniuk of Wroclaw, Wladyslaw Hardek of Krakow and Bogdan Lis of Gdansk will lead Solidarity until Mr. Walesa is freed, it said.

Among those released Thursday was Zbigniew Knap, a member of the Warsaw Solidarity board. He said, "I was just taking a walk when an officer called me by

the door and I was arrested."

People making domestic phone calls will no longer have to place

The Associated Press  
The first internees released from Warsaw's Bialoleka Prison collecting documents Thursday.

## 28 Hostages Held on Plane In Honduras

### Hijackers Demanding Freedom for Leftists

The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Four hijackers lowered their ransom demands Thursday for the release of 28 hostages aboard a Honduran airliner parked at Tegucigalpa's airport after the government refused to pay \$1 million and to free 52 persons the hijackers said were being held in Honduran jails.

The hijackers reduced their demand to \$250,000 and the release of 32 reputed prisoners in a radio message from the plane parked at Tegucigalpa's airport. That was an immediate government response.

After the government rejected the hijackers' initial request, the deputy foreign minister, Rodolfo Rosales Abella, said, "Honduras is a poor country confronting a tremendous economic crisis and it cannot enjoy the luxury of handing over \$1 million to a terrorist group."

"Neither can we free 52 political prisoners who do not even exist in our jails since no one here is persecuted for his political ideas."

Earlier, the government said it would let the hijackers fly to another country if they freed the hostages. It said the hijackers were members of a leftist group called Revolutionary Popular Forces-Lorenzo Zelaya.

Police said the Honduran Air Service propeller-driven plane was taken over by four leftists, armed with pistols, on Wednesday morning during a flight from La Ceiba to Tegucigalpa. La Ceiba is 115 miles (185 kilometers) north of the capital.

In negotiations with the president of the Honduran Human Rights Commission and ambassadors from the Vatican and the Dominican Republic, the hijackers first demanded \$500,000 and the release of 20 persons they said were political prisoners. A Honduran official said none of the 20 were serving prison terms for crimes of any kind.

The hijackers increased their demands Wednesday night in a meeting aboard the plane with the Vatican ambassador, the Rev. Andreis Cordero Lanza. But there was no official confirmation that any of the additional 32 persons listed were in prison.

### 16 Hostages Freed

During the day, the hijackers freed 16 hostages. Eleven were women passengers, two were stewards, one was a child and two were men who were reported to be ill.

Among those released were seven Americans, the U.S. Embassy said. One of eight Americans remaining aboard the aircraft reportedly was NBC television correspondent Brian Ross.

Police sources said the hijackers apparently placed explosives in different parts of the plane. Earlier in the day, they had threatened to blow up the aircraft unless their demands were met, but they did not renew the threat when they increased the demands.

Shots were heard from inside the plane at one point, but there was no word that anyone was hit.

The Revolutionary Popular Forces-Lorenzo Zelaya is named for a student leader who was killed in 1976, when police opened fire on a demonstration he was leading. The group has claimed responsibility for 16 terrorist acts in the past two years, including a machine-gun attack on the U.S. Embassy three weeks ago in which no one was hurt.

## France Prepared To Expel 40,000 Illegal Immigrants

Reuters

PARIS — About 40,000 foreigners face expulsion from France after failing to qualify for legal status, the secretary of state for immigrants, Francois Autain, said on television Thursday.

The Socialist government, which came to power in May, 1981, said that it would give priority to ensuring the rights and social benefits of legal foreign workers by offering them a six-month period to apply for legal status, officials said.

Mr. Autain said 40,000 people had qualified. The 40,000 who face expulsion were unable to prove reasonable employment or a source of income, the requirement for legal status, officials said.

Mr. Autain also told the pro-Socialist newspaper *Le Matin* that with the six-month grace period finished, the government will launch a strict campaign to deport illegal foreign workers and to stop illegal entry.

He said the new measures were also necessary to counter an increase in racism in France.

## Nigerian Troops May Leave Chad

The Associated Press

LAGOS — A battalion of Nigerian troops serving with the Organization of African Unity peace-keeping force in Chad will return home by the end of this week, the Nigerian news agency has reported, quoting Ministry of Defense sources.

Nigeria maintains about 2,000 soldiers in Chad as part of an OAU force that also includes troops from Senegal and Zaire.

Last month, Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya Adu said his country would consider pulling out of the OAU force if there was no progress toward a political solution in Chad. The agency did not say Wednesday how many Nigerian forces would remain once the battalion is withdrawn.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled From Agency Dispatches

### Pravda Reports Farms Working 2 Shifts Per Day

United Press International

MOSCOW — Soviet farms are working double shifts in an attempt to make up for last year's drastic shortfall in grain production, Pravda said Thursday.

Unseasonal cold and snow last month delayed the beginning of spring work by two weeks, but Western agricultural experts say that so far the weather outlook for the 1982 crop is fair.

The grain may suffer later because a late spring means key growing periods will fall in the hottest part of the summer. If there is little rain then, much of the crop may dry up as it did last year, resulting in a total yield of around 150 million to 160 million metric tons compared with a goal of 235 million.

The Pravda report said mechanical equipment was being shifted around on state and collective farms to allow for plowing and sowing within a 24-hour period. "Not infrequently, the soil is prepared at night, and by day the sowing units are going over the fields," Pravda said.

The grain workers of many enterprises have set themselves a task," Pravda added, "not only to fulfill the plan of sales [to the state] for this year, but also to fill in the shortage of production left over from the last drought summer."

3 E. Germans Flee to West

United Press International

HELMSTEDT, West Germany — Three East Germans used a bulldozer early Thursday to crash through a border fence into West Germany, police said. The escape set off automatic firing devices, but the three men were not hurt.

Shariatiadari Accused of CIA Links

BEIRUT — The Iranian regime has accused 82-year-old Ayatollah Kazem Shariatiadari, a leading clergymen arrested for plotting against Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, of having ties to the CIA.

The deputy speaker of Iran's parliament, Mohammad Musavi Khoi, made the accusation Wednesday night on Tehran television, the Islamic Republican News Agency said.

He displayed documents pieced together by militants who took over the U.S. Embassy in November, 1979, and claimed the papers proved that Ayatollah Shariatiadari had links with the CIA.

### U.S. Arrests of Aliens Are Challenged

NEW YORK — About 3,500 persons have been arrested so far this week in a crackdown on illegal aliens working in the United States, but many are being set free and a federal judge has set a hearing on whether to halt the raids.

The action in nine cities by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service also has stirred protests from church groups and organizations representing Hispanics, Arabs, Jews and other immigrants.

In Los Angeles, lawyers for an immigrant rights group won a federal court order Wednesday barring the imminent deportation of 150 Mexicans.

### Nuclear Ban Defeated in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Parliament Thursday defeated by one vote a move to declare New Zealand a nuclear-free zone, which would have blocked the visit of U.S. nuclear-powered warships.

Richard Preeble, a member of the opposition Labor Party, introduced the bill two weeks after the Wellington City Council voted to declare the New Zealand capital a nuclear-free zone. Mr. Preeble's bill was defeated 36 to 35.

The Wellington council motion was aimed at preventing visits by U.S. nuclear-powered warships.

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The Associated Press

# Analysts Say Failure Of Budget Talks Hurts Outlook for Recovery

By John M. Berry

*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — The failure of budget negotiations between President Reagan and congressional leaders leaves the nation facing a string of huge budget deficits and continuing high interest rates, with little chance for a sustained economic recovery soon.

Congress still could find ways to reduce the deficits. But in the absence of major spending cuts and tax increases, interest rates are likely to stay so high that the housing and auto industries almost certainly will remain deeply depressed.

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pressing, according to a number of economists. In addition, the high rates probably will lead businesses to keep cutting back their capital investment, without which there is no healthy, long-term economic growth.

Murray L. Weidenbaum, Mr. Reagan's chief economist, recently said that even the \$36 billion worth of spending cuts and revenue-raising measures proposed in the president's February budget are not regarded as large enough to relieve pressures in financial markets and bring interest rates down. There will be a "slower, less robust recovery" if there is no budget accord, he said.

### Limited Expansion Expected

In a similar vein, H. Erich Weidenbaum, an economist at Morgan Stanley & Co., a New York investment banking firm, said last week that in the absence of a significant change in the budget outlook, "we expect that any drops in interest rates will be short-lived, which should serve effectively to limit the scope of economic expansion this year and next."

One of the few points on which the administration and congressional negotiators agreed was that without tax increases, further spending cuts, the 1983 deficit would be about \$180 billion — and that figure assumed the economy would begin growing at about a 4 percent annual rate at midyear.

"With a 2-percent or 3-percent inflation rate, we would have no clash between fiscal and monetary policy," Mr. Sinal said. But he added that the rate probably will still be in the 6-percent range at year's end.

"A failure to compromise on the budget makes the whole recovery much more fragile, much more vulnerable," he said. "Fooling around with it for another six months will hurt, but it will really hurt when those deficits actually occur."

## Reagan, Leading Democrats Fail to Reach Budget Accord

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Committees, to get his cues from

Rep. Bell, said Rep. Bolling.

Despite this sniping, both sides

agreed that Rep. Bolling

called "fundamental policy differences" led to the stalemate. They

also agreed that congressional

battle seems "unavoidable."

The White House announcement late

Wednesday afternoon that Mr.

Reagan would make a television

speech Thursday night to defend

his budget seemed to indicate his

readiness for such a fight.

"I don't rule out the possibility

of further talks," Sen. Baker said

after the Capitol meeting. But he

added, "there's no realistic prospect of a bipartisan agreement."

"The president offered to split

the difference on the issues re-

maining in dispute and that was

not agreed to," Sen. Baker said.

He said "splitting the differ-

ence" meant that Mr. Reagan

would meet the Democrats half-

way on domestic spending, agree

to increases in taxes and other re-

venue of \$123 billion over the next

three fiscal years, and accept \$28

billion in military spending cuts in

the same period.

But the Democrats, according to

a worksheet used in the meeting,

proposed revenue increases of

\$145 billion over three years, and

they wanted military spending cuts of \$33 billion.

The worksheet breakdown on

the spending proposals also illus-

trated the ideological lines in

Wednesday's budget talks. The

Republicans proposed \$25 billion

in spending cuts for entitlement

programs over three years, as op-

posed to the \$8 billion to \$9 billion favored by the Democrats.

By limiting cost-of-living in-

creases in Social Security and

other benefit programs, the Re-

publicans proposed to save \$26 bil-

lion in three years, while the Dem-

ocrats would have taken \$16 bil-

lion from beneficiaries of those

programs.

On nonmilitary discretionary

spending, which covers a range of

social programs, the White House

wanted to cut \$33 billion rather

than the \$23 billion favored by the

Democrats.

The chance of resolving these

differences on the split-the-differ-

ence formula apparently disap-

peared when Rep. O'Neill rejected

the idea of trading a three-month

delay in the tax cut for a three-

month delay in cost-of-living in-

creases for Social Security.

### Deficit Target

Both sides agreed on a deficit

target of \$105 billion to \$110 bil-

lion in fiscal 1983. But the Dem-

ocrats insisted that the deeper

spending cuts proposed by Mr.

Reagan should be retained to pre-

serve his plan to cut income

taxes by 25 percent over three

years by reducing services for poor

and middle-income families.

"The president and his people

honestly believe their program is

fair, and we know it isn't fair,"

## Soviet Boy's Father Puts Blame on Politics

By Nathaniel Sheppard Jr.

*New York Times Service*

CHICAGO — Michael Polovchak says that if he had been a French or German citizen returning home from the United States with his children, he would not have had to fight Illinois and U.S. authorities to regain custody of his son Walter.

But he is a Soviet citizen, a bus driver who became a victim of the relations between these powers, he said. "Being a citizen of the Soviet Union is my handicap."

Mr. Polovchak returned to the United States earlier this month to continue his efforts to regain custody of Walter, now 14, who was granted asylum after he decided he did not want to return to the Ukraine with his parents.

Mr. Polovchak said he and his wife came to the United States in January 1980, after one of his sisters living here convinced him the United States offered a life of comfort. He said he decided to return to the Ukraine, where he had a respectable job, owned a house and had a car, when he found life in the United States did not meet his expectations.

His son Walter, then 12, and his 17-year-old daughter, Natalie, had found life in the United States appealing and they ran away to live with a cousin to avoid having to return to the Ukraine.

The parents agreed to let their daughter make her own decision because she was almost 18, but they wanted to take Walter back with them, along with a 6-year-old son who did not become part of the dispute. But through a series of legal maneuvers, state and federal authorities prevented the Polovchaks from taking Walter home with them.

Mr. Polovchak described a meeting he had on April 16 with Walter and Natalie as "strange."

"They are so brainwashed," he said. "They could say only that they were happy here and couldn't be happy back home. My daughter told me I was not a free man. She had been escorted by a Soviet security man. She said that if it was not so I should come with them to eat pizza. We went to a pizza parlor, ate pizza and soda and talked for a while. I then said, 'Now do you believe that I am free,' and she said, 'Yes.'"

He said Walter repeatedly told him he was afraid to return home for fear he would be persecuted or put on trial and put in a concentration camp.

"I asked him if he thought I, as his father, would come over here to take him back to something like that," Mr. Polovchak said.

"I told them that children need their parents and that parents need their children, that he would be accepted warmly if he returned.

He said that alienation from Walter and Natalie began after the cousin living in Chicago, also named Walter, began taking the children for rides in his automobile to restaurants and to a Ukrainian Baptist Church. Mr. Polovchak said his son had long embraced the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The custody issue is before Illinois state courts. Even if the Polovchaks are given custody of Walter, the U.S. government has moved to block his return to the Soviet Union by issuing a departure control order preventing him from leaving the United States. Such an order would have to be challenged through another lawsuit.

CIA

## Details Secrets Sold By U.S. Spy

Report Says Russians May Have Radar Plans

By Robert C. Toth

*Los Angeles Times Service*

WASHINGTON — A CIA report to Congress has confirmed that more than 20 "highly classified" reports on advanced future U.S. weapons systems, including the "quiet radar system for the B-1 and Stealth bombers," were sold to the Communist bloc by William Holden Bell, a former Hughes Aircraft Co. engineer.

The information jeopardizes existing and experimental weapons of the United States and its allies, the CIA said in the report. It will help Poland and the Soviet Union save "hundreds of millions of dollars" in research and development efforts on comparable weapons for themselves as well as defensive measures to counteract the U.S. systems, it said.

Mr. Bell was sentenced last De-

cember to eight years in jail and fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty

to espionage in a court in Los An-

geles. He had been paid \$110,000 over three years for the information.

Mr. Bell's main contact was a

Polish intelligence agent, Marion

Zacharski, who was sentenced to

life imprisonment for espionage.

Mr. Zacharski had posed initially

as a Polish businessman in dealing

with Mr. Bell, who had financial

troubles.

Official Confirmation

The CIA report is a declassified

version of testimony last month by

the deputy CIA director, Adm.

Bobby Ray Inman, to a subcom-

mittee of the House Science and

Technology Committee. It appears

to be the first official confirmation of the kind of information Mr. Bell sold.

Mr. Bell told the CBS-TV pro-

gram "60 Minutes" about the

B-1 radar documents, as well as

other weapons systems, in a detailed interview six weeks ago. The Pentagon refused to comment on his disclosures at that time.

The classified reports that Mr.

Bell filmed and delivered to the

Poles, and probably eventually to

the Soviet intelligence service, the

CIA report said, also dealt with a

"look-down, shoot-down" radar

system for the Air Force F-15

fighter, an all-weather radar sys-

tem for tanks, an experimental

radar system for the Navy, and the

Phoenix air-to-air missile designed

for the Navy's F-14 fighter.

He also furnished information

on a shipborne surveillance radar,

the Patriot anti-aircraft missile, a

sonar system designed to be pulled

behind surface ships to detect

submarines, a new air-to-air missile,

the improved Hawk surface-to-air

missile and a NATO air defense

system, the report said.

Several Arrests

But they finally did, arresting a

number of youths, both fascists

and bohemia, according to witnesses.

Reports of the incident spread

rapidly across Moscow, and initially

were treated with widespread in-

## A Year After Battle on Baby Food, WHO Is Urged to Draft Drug Code

By Iain Guest  
International Herald Tribune

GENEVA — The controversy reverberated on both sides of the Atlantic for weeks. It dominated U.S. congressional hearings, prompted the resignation of two senior officials from the U.S. Agency for International Development, and culminated at last year's assembly of the World Health Organization in an international code banning the aggressive promotion of baby foods.

Now, WHO officials face growing pressure from consumer groups and radical Third World governments to draft a similar code on pharmaceutical drugs. Such a code, the officials acknowledge, would alienate some of the

world's most powerful companies and anger the Reagan administration — which cast the only vote against the baby-foods code last year and contributes one-fourth of the agency's budget.

Whether or not this happens could depend on how Halfdan Mahler, the WHO director-general, presents the issue to the 1982 assembly, which begins in Geneva next week. Most WHO officials expect he will present an optimistic picture; they point to the fruits of a two-year dialogue between the pharmaceutical industry and WHO.

This dialogue has, at first sight, yielded some impressive results:

- Acceptance by the industry of the principle that imported drugs can eat into the health budgets of poor countries without addressing their main health problems, which stem largely from inadequate water supplies and malnutrition.

Three years ago, WHO drafted a list of 240 "essential drugs." Large pharmaceutical companies, concerned at first that this would restrict their sales, now have accepted the idea, and 70 countries have drawn up lists based on the WHO model.

- An offer by the Zurich-based International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations to provide drugs to the least-developed countries on favorable terms. Company sources say that 43 pharmaceutical firms have offered to contribute drugs.

- A voluntary code on marketing practices, drawn up by the industry under the auspices of the pharmaceutical federation. The code states that no manufacturer shall make claims that cannot be supported scientifically, and it says that all products sold must "bear full regard to the needs of public health."

- Involvement by the companies in the establishment of national drug policies for a group of African countries including the landlocked nations of Burundi, Lesotho and Rwanda, whose drug bills are disproportionately high because of air-freight costs. In Burundi, joint missions involving WHO and the pharmaceutical firms Ciba-Geigy, Hoffmann-La Roche, Sandoz, and SmithKline Corp. have tentatively identified a list of up to 15 "essential drugs." About half of these could be produced locally.

Despite this progress, both sides admit that the dialogue is now almost at a standstill. Particularly difficult has been the problem of defining the industry offer to provide drugs "on favorable terms."

Meanwhile, waiting in the wings at the upcoming WHO assembly will be a consumer coalition known as Health Action International. The coalition was formed in Geneva immediately after the baby-foods debate last year, and some of its 30 member organizations have been monitoring the baby-foods code.

The group has criticized the pharmaceutical federation code for lacking enforcement provisions, and recently sent details of 20 alleged violations to the federation's headquarters in Zurich.

"Certainly, we would like to see a WHO code," said Charles Medawar, a member of the London-based consumer group Social Audit. "Any organization of its size simply has to define what it sees as unacceptable practice by the companies."

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WHO officials are also braced for criticism from radical governments such as Mozambique and Ethiopia, which already control Western drug imports; from Pakistan, which has a large number of rural poor but would not benefit from the industry offer because it is not classified as a least-developed country; and from Eastern-bloc countries, which see openings for their less sophisticated pharmaceutical products in the Third World.

Even within WHO, opinion appears divided. Some officials feel that the agency's official goal — "Health for all by the year 2000" — is only attainable through drastic political change on the Socialist model.

At present, such notions are far from being official WHO policy, and senior officials are seriously concerned that open confrontation with the pharmaceutical companies could further reduce their incentive to develop new drugs for use in the least-developed countries.

BOAT PEOPLE — Surrounded by their damaged boats, Vietnamese refugees gathered Thursday on a larger fishing junk in Hong Kong while waiting for immigration processing.

## Mauroy Repeats French Promise Of Support for Quebec 'Identity'

By Henry Ginder  
New York Times Service

QUEBEC — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has returned to Paris, leaving Quebec with a promise that France will never abandon it and will remain at its side "whatever the ways it may choose to affirm its identity."

On Tuesday, Mr. Mauroy ended a six-day visit to Canada during which he performed a difficult balancing act between opposing governments — that of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Ottawa, intent on keeping Quebec part of Canada, and that of Premier René Lévesque of Quebec, equally intent on achieving independence.

While refusing to be drawn into the quarrel, Mr. Mauroy managed to please both sides by insisting on his desire for "normal" and "friendly" relations with the federal government and for the continuation of "privileged" relations with French-speaking Quebec, a "branch" of a common family tree.

Mr. Mauroy asserted that compatibility between the two relations was very possible and he left behind probably more good feelings between France and Canada than at any time in the last 15 years of often strained ties.

It was in Quebec, however, that Mr. Mauroy had his warmest words. When he greeted the Quebecers, he said that they had refused to yield to "assimilation by North American Anglo-Saxon society." Monday night, at an offi-

cial dinner, and Tuesday, before Quebec's National Assembly, the prime minister pledged French support for whatever path Quebec chose in the future, reiterating a policy laid down in 1977 by former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing during Mr. Lévesque's first visit to Paris.

The policy did not please Ottawa because it appeared to encourage Quebec independence. But no great fuss was raised at the time and none is expected now.

## W.R. Burnett,

From Agency Dispatches

LOS ANGELES — W.R. Burnett, 82, who wrote the screenplays for "Little Caesar," "The Asphalt Jungle" and "High Sierra," died Sunday.

His works had an influence in establishing several movie stars, including Edward G. Robinson in "Little Caesar," Paul Muni in "Scarface" and Alan Ladd in "The Gun for Hire."

His other screen credits include "Action in the North Atlantic," "Crash Dive," "Vendetta," "The Racket," "Arrowhead," "Short Cut to Hell," "September Storm."

Tom Tully

From Agency Dispatches

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Tom Tully, 83, who played tough-

## Tunisian Plays Down Alleged Libyan Threat

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Col. Moamer Qadhafi, the Libyan leader, has moved away from efforts to subvert Tunisia's government and is cooperating in lowering tensions in the region of northwestern Africa known as the Maghreb, according to Premier Mohammed Mzali of Tunisia.

"He has told us he wants better relations and we have taken him at his word," Mr. Mzali said Wednesday in Washington. "We hope that this continues, even if we know that in politics you can never be absolutely sure of anything."

Mr. Mzali is on an official visit to the United States that includes meetings with President Reagan and other senior officials.

In seeking to win congressional approval this month for a major increase in foreign military sales credits for fighter aircraft and tanks for Morocco and Tunisia, the Reagan administration has stressed the security threats to the region posed by Libya. Peter D. Constable, a deputy assistant secretary of state, told the House subcommittee on Africa last week that Tunisia is "under direct threat from Libya and inadequately equipped militarily."

Mr. Mzali did not directly dispute this assessment, but he portrayed a \$140 million re-equipment program for Tunisia that the Reagan administration seeks to finance in different terms.

He said, "We have devoted in the past years all of our spending to development, to education, to health, to agriculture, and neglected the military. It is like moving into a new house and then waiting 10 years to get any furniture, or even a door. We need a door. We need to be able to protect our coasts, where now we can't even prevent foreigners from fishing our waters."

Opponents of the sharp increases in military sales to Morocco and

Tunisia assert that the United States is shifting the emphasis of its aid to the region away from economic assistance and toward sending military hardware to governments that face internal problems because of badly sagging economies, rather than direct external threats.

Mr. Mzali, 56, has been a leading figure in President Habib Bourguiba's Destour Party and in successive governments for more than two decades. He is considered in Tunisia to be a leading candidate to inherit power from the president, who is 78.

One of the focal points of discontent in Tunisia in recent years has been spiraling unemployment rates. Mr. Mzali acknowledged that at best the new five-year economic development plan, which calls for the creation of 60,000 new jobs a year, would fall 10,000 short.

There are an estimated 60,000 Tunisians working in Libya, and Col. Qadhafi appears to be attempting to woo Mr. Bourguiba's government with economic concessions after evident Libyan involvement in a paramilitary uprising in Gafsa in January, 1980, soured relations between Tripoli and Tunis. The Libyan leader has visited Tunis twice this year and has signed an accord covering economic, industrial, cultural and information matters.

The Reagan administration is seeking \$100 million in foreign military sales credits for Morocco, a twofold-to-threofold increase over average amounts provided in the past five years. The Tunisian request, which Mr. Mzali indicated that Tunisia was still trying to get, on softer terms, represents a \$35-million increase over last year. The U.S. programs for both Morocco and Tunisia programs include the sale of M-60 tanks and F-5 fighter

Monday at his castle, his family announced Tuesday. His Prince Johannes Baptiste, 55, his wife died Monday at his castle on the family's land.

Daisy Gordon Lawrence

NEW YORK (NYT) — Daisy Gordon Lawrence, 81, the first American Girl Scout, died Monday in Seattle.

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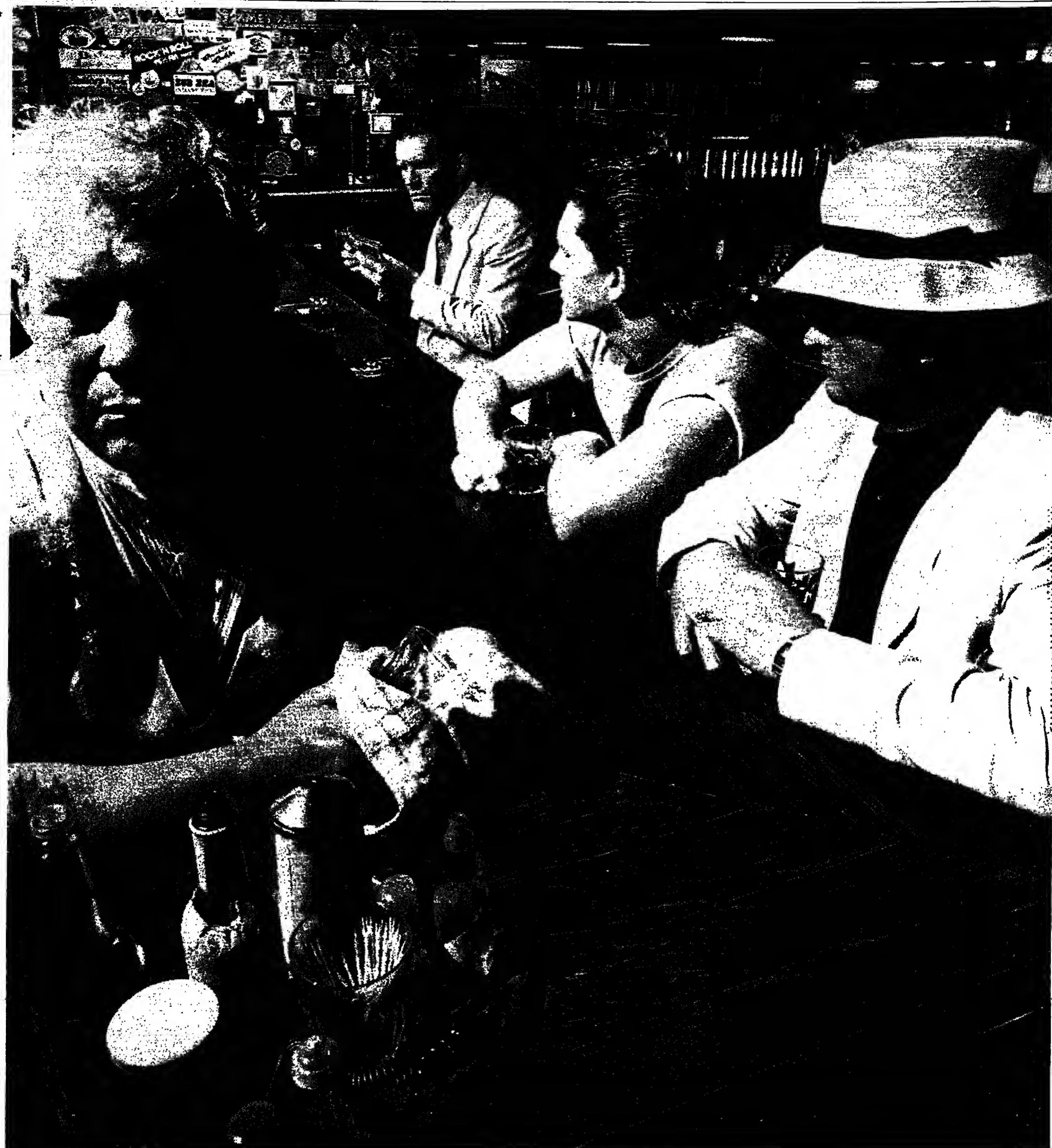
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## The U.S.'s Tilsit Budget

President Reagan's journey to the Capitol for the budget negotiations was an arresting piece of political theater. The scene brought to mind the similar negotiation at Tilsit in 1807, when Napoleon sat down to divide Europe with the king of Prussia and the czar of Russia. They chose a neutral spot for the talks — a raft in the middle of the Niemen River, which separated their armies.

The two cases are not exactly parallel, of course. The role of czar has never quite suited House Speaker O'Neill. It is true that the treaties of Tilsit did not endure for long. But they held up for a few seasons — and that's more than you can say of the talks Wednesday at the Capitol. The result there was a flat collapse, after six weeks of intense work that deserved a better ending. The negotiators seem to have decided only that an open disagreement was better than the faded and fudged quasi-agreement, with loose numbers and vague promises, that seemed to be emerging last weekend. In that, they are right.

There are a lot of people, both Republicans and Democrats, who have a strong interest in representing this affair as only another conventional partisan collision. In fact, it began with a challenge to the president from within his own party. Last summer, senior Republicans in the Senate began to warn the White House that its projected deficit spending was too high and its deficits too large. That row simmered through the fall, with the Democrats taking little part.

When the president brought out his budget in February, congressional Republicans were stunned by the size of the deficits. They began working, with a good deal of support within the administration, to convince Mr. Reagan that the deficits were too large. They persuaded the leaders of the House Democrats to join the talks. The Democrats agreed because they were hearing from home about interest rates, and the only way to lower interest rates is to lower the deficits.

But all these maneuvers and discussions kept striking one intractable reality. Mr. Reagan sees no great need to change his budget. He thinks it's fine. He doesn't believe it asks too much for defense. He thinks the deficits are all right. And because he thinks those things, no deal has been possible.

Without any further change in policy, the deficit for the fiscal year 1983, starting in October, is likely to be about \$180 billion — by far the largest, by any measure, since World War II. Congress will doubtless make some changes. But in the absence of the kind of explicit, comprehensive agreement that the late negotiations were seeking, any tax increase and spending decreases will be minor compared to that vast deficit.

At Tilsit, Napoleon, the king and the czar at least managed to get off the raft safely. At the Capitol, the barge sank, and by late afternoon the statesmen could be seen swimming rapidly for shore — all of them in different directions.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

## The 'Right' Language

Suppose a Hispanic child, speaking only Spanish, enters elementary school in the United States. Should he be taught to read in Spanish while he separately learns English? Or should he be taught only in English? One side of the debate argues that, if instruction is only in English, the Spanish-speaking child will fall behind while he learns it. The other holds that if he is taught in Spanish he will lag in his command of English.

The Reagan administration is moving slowly, in the right direction on the highly inflammatory subject of bilingual education. The secretary of education, Terrel Bell, said last week that the federal government is dropping the misguided rules it has been trying to impose since 1975. The Education Department is no longer trying to tell local school districts they have to provide instruction in the child's first language.

The administration is quite right. The United States has now quite a lot of experience with bilingual education, and, in most cases, such education fails in the large category of high-minded ideas that do not work well. Generally speaking, if these children are going to live and work in U.S. society, they will be better served by being taught from the beginning in English.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Argentina Crying 'Spy'

Argentines don't like their country to be portrayed as brutal and lawless, a place where justice is arbitrary and prisons are horrible. But those are pretty good descriptions of what the Argentine junta has done to three accredited British journalists: slammed them into tiny cells, denied them bail and charged them with espionage.

Understandably, given the frenzy over the Falklands, Argentina is jittery about the apparent snootiness of these reporters from London — Simon Winchester of The Sunday Times, and Ian Mather and Tony Prime of The Observer. They were initially arrested

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Other Opinion

## On U.S. Information Policy

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis was launched during the Nixon administration. It has become the site of joint efforts by 17 nations from East and West, studying major issues like transportation, water resources, agriculture and communications. The United States has provided about a quarter of the operating budget.

The Soviet Union provides a similar amount. ... However, the \$2.3-million contribution expected this year was eliminated from the ... budget and President Reagan has written ... that he planned no further official participation in the institute. Part of the administration's opposition has been justified on the grounds that it involved the risk of Soviet acquisition of information with security implications. The National Academy of Science has conducted a preliminary review rebutting this view.

... Tense relations with the Soviet Union should not become the occasion for clos-

ing doors to other East European nations, especially in generally nonpolitical organizations such as the institute. Quite the contrary: There is every reason to encourage such contacts.

— From The Boston Globe.

## A Signal to Other Arab Countries

The return of Sinai to Egypt implements one of the chief provisions of the Camp David agreements and as such represents the culmination of a long peacemaking process. ... In view of all the uncertainties, no one except the Egyptians can be entirely happy with it. ... But the return of this territory ought to be a signal to other Arab countries that much more can be achieved by negotiation than by aggression. If the situation remains stable in Sinai, it is possible that Israel itself might be encouraged to adopt a more flexible attitude toward its neighbors.

— From the Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

## April 30: From Our Pages of 75 and 50 Years Ago

## 1907: Berlin Builders' Strike

BERLIN — The strike in the Berlin building trade, which has been going on for some time, will soon enter a new stage. According to information received from a prominent official of the Berlin Master Builders' Association, 120,000 bricklayers and masons will be locked out by the employers. The strike, which is one of the greatest that has ever taken place in Germany, will affect more than 200,000 men of affiliated trades. The men demand a six-hour day. The masters assert that it is impossible to comply with the demand of the workmen, who are stated to earn far more than the ordinary bourgeois classes and to be able to afford luxuries unknown to the latter.

## 1932: Recording Breakthrough?

VIENNA — The Austrian broadcasting firm RAVAG has developed an apparatus that is predesigned to replace the phonograph. Instead of the normal record, a six-millimeter-wide paper ribbon is employed to reproduce music or spoken words. The new apparatus is operated by electricity. A concert or talk is recorded on the paper ribbon in a similar way as on telegraph ribbons. The tone reproduction is excellent and entirely free of the noise that a phonograph needle makes when it is in contact with the record plate. One great advantage of the paper record is its length. A normal ribbon 300 meters long can reproduce music or talks that last three times as long as those on a phonograph record.

## Departing UN Rights Official: 'We Have to Speak Out'

By Jonathan Power

LONDON — On April 30, Theodoor van Boven leaves his office in Geneva and joins the unemployed. He was the director of the United Nations' Human Rights Division and the victim of one of the first executive decisions of the new UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuellar.

Mr. Pérez de Cuellar, a Peruvian, came into office Jan. 1. On Feb. 7, Mr. van Boven, a former Dutch Foreign Ministry official long resented by many Latin American governments for his probing into the seamy side of their affairs, was told that his five-year term would not be renewed.

Resentment against Mr. van Boven's activities had been mounting for at least three years. But it was a speech he made Feb. 1 at the opening of the 1982 session of the Human Rights Commission that brought matters to the boil. New York, which unusually, had requested to see the speech, objected to mentions of specific countries.

Mr. van Boven's speech dealt with the commission's campaign against mass murders. On his list were Cambodia, Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Chile, Guatemala and El Salvador. He was told that, as a member of the UN staff, it was his duty to be impartial. Mr. van Boven considered this

view dangerous nonsense, and gave the speech as he'd written it.

"The UN and its officers can't be impartial about human rights," Mr. van Boven said recently in Oxford. "The UN has proclaimed certain values, so how can we be neutral? We have to be objective, but once we have checked the facts, we have to speak out."

When Mr. van Boven took over the division, the Human Rights Commission saw the world through the narrow lens of the Soviet and militant Third World worldview. It dealt with the "classical three" — South Africa, Chile and Israel. Now, the commission regularly criticizes 15 countries, including Poland, Afghanistan and a spread of Asian, Latin American and African nations.

Mr. van Boven has focused less on countries per se and more on "phenomena." He believes this has reduced the element of confrontation. In the 1970s, the commission investigated slavery; in 1980, "disappearances" and the plight of indigenous peoples; and this year, mass killings.

Did the advent to power of Jimmy Carter give the commission a push? "Future genera-

tions will pass a better judgement on him than today's," Mr. van Boven, who was in England to speak at the annual conference of the United Nations Association, said of the former U.S. president. "He gave human rights a special momentum, particularly in those countries in the direct sphere of influence of the United States, the Latin American countries.

"One can clearly see that, since Reagan came to office, there has been more East-West confrontation on the commission and a hardening of attitudes by the Latin Americans. Immediately after Reagan was elected, there was a wave of arrests and renewed oppression in Haiti. Guatemala, already bad, got worse. So did Chile."

It broke new ground with a report on human rights in Iran. It authorized a UN investigation of Poland and deplored Guatemala's failure to cooperate with a similar investigation. There are now enough Third World and West European countries that rate human rights highly enough to drive such resolutions through. The commission may still lack bite — no one has to take any notice of its edicts — but it is becoming a public standard-bearer for the half-forgotten words and pledges in the UN Charter. This is progress.

The writer is editorial adviser to the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues.

Mr. van Boven feels the Soviets are more

## Canadian Power Tilting Westward

By Les Whittington

OTTAWA — Canada is going through a phenomenon that the United States experienced a generation ago, as its economic and political authority gradually shifts toward the affluent West.

The tilt in the locus of power is causing predictable problems, not the least of them arising from attempts by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's central government in Ottawa to assert its sway over the wealthiest Western provinces, Alberta and British Columbia.

But just as California has steadily grown into the most populous and influential U.S. state, so Canada's Western areas are almost certain to dominate the rest of this country in the foreseeable future.

The trend over the past decade has accelerated lately as a consequence of the recession, which has severely hit Canada's eastern industrial regions, such as Ontario, the location of the federal capital.

By contrast, Alberta continues to thrive from its oil and natural gas reserves, even though the boom of recent years has tapered off somewhat. British Columbia prospers from timber, coal and, especially, trade with Asia.

While the national economy is likely to remain at a standstill this year, Alberta expects its economy to expand in 1982 by 5.5 percent after inflation. British Columbia, whose timber industry is suffering from the decline in U.S. housing construction, nevertheless anticipates a 2.2-percent growth rate.

Energy resources have already made Albertans the richest Canadians. They pay no sales tax, and they benefit from the \$10-billion Alberta Heritage Fund, amassed from petroleum revenues.

The province's annual per-capita product, the sum of the value of its goods and services, is \$12,200; industrial Ontario's is \$9,500.

Alberta's position as the Saudi Arabia of Canada has given its premier, Peter Lougheed, a strong voice in the decentralized federal structure, under which the provinces control their natural wealth.

Attracted by the lure of prosperity, increasing numbers of Canadians are moving westward. Census figures to be published later this year will show that not only Alberta and British Columbia but two other Western provinces, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, have gained in population.

This means the West will have more seats in the federal legislature, a development that will further erode the political influence exercised by Ontario and Quebec, the traditional power centers.

Unsurprisingly, the population drift has created local tensions. Westerners denounce Eastern immigrants as "creeps and bums" who drive up the crime rate, while the Easterners refer to Westerners as insensitive "rednecks."

More important, however, has been the strain put on the fabric of the Canadian confederation as a result of Trudeau's effort to resist the regional pull toward the West.

In a move to curb the rising influence of Alberta and other Western provinces, Trudeau sought to set the price of Canadian oil and determine the central government's share of oil revenues, estimated to total \$12 billion between 1981 and 1986.

This attempt, which triggered a bitter dispute, ended last fall after protracted negotiations. But the Westerners, led by Lougheed, still harbor grudges against Trudeau, whom they accuse of fixing Canada's tariffs to favor the East.

This friction has spawned separatist sentiment, which was not taken seriously until this winter, when a rightist former rodeo rider won an Alberta by-election.

His victory prompted the conclusion among political analysts that Western alienation in Canada may be considerably more profound than they had previously calculated.

Should the push toward separation gather momentum, Alberta would be a prime candidate to break away. Though oil and natural gas have been its mainstay, it is now diversifying into other industries, such as petrochemicals. With its economy in good health, Alberta also has a flourishing construction industry, so its unemployment rate is less than half the national rate of 8 percent.

A more plausible alternative to a breakaway, though, might be the emergence of a Westerner as prime minister to supplant the easterners who have mostly held the job until now.

Written for International Writers Service.



"They must be scared to death by now."

## Letters

Albion Response

Regarding Eric Erman's letter (IHT Mar. 17, April 22): His gibberish assertion that Albion has often dragged her feet before the fray is one thing, but to accuse her of doing so, as he puts it "in the last great unpleasantness" is quite another. I would ask him what was the first country to declare war on Hitler in 1939, and who for a year defied the German dictator alone in 1940-41? Argentina wasn't exactly doing the Can-Can, but it certainly wasn't the soft shoe shuffle. I shudder to imagine the state of Danish culture today without Alfred's footwork in the grim days of 1939-45.

NICHOLAS FITTON.

Issy-les-Moulineaux, France.

their first armored division. Their arms come from Eastern Europe, also their advisers and administrators. Soon they will become the principal force within Iran.

3. The salvation of Iran can only come, from within. There are numerous networks, mainly nationalists, fighting from within Iran against this regime. The Western media ignore them. If these patriotic groups received even tenth of the interest and help that the West accorded to Khomeini not long ago, they would be capable of taking the upper hand to the situation.

H. NAHAVANDI.

Paris

## Economic Sanctions

One of the causes of the First World War was that the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy wanted to weaken and punish Serbia for her propaganda to promote the secession movements of the South-Slavic nationalities in the southern parts of Austria and of Hungary. The monarchy employed prohibitive measures against the import of Serbian goods, a policy that was conducive to the war, most wars have economic causes. The hostile policy of the U.S. government against the Soviet Union and Poland goes farther than did the monarchy against Serbia. The U.S.A. tries to force its allies — and even neutrals — to employ inimical commercial, financial, technical and cultural measures against these two countries; such a harsh policy would have already led to a war; it would lead to it now if there were no deterrence of the nuclear, chemical and biological arms.

ROBERT MAJOR.

Venice.

## Soviet Influence

I thoroughly approve Mr. William Safire's analysis (IHT Mar. 6). The big American press has finally started to perceive that Soviet influence is being established in Iran; and that in fact, the Soviet media ignore them. If these patriotic groups received even tenth of the interest and help that the West accorded to Khomeini not long ago, they would be capable of taking the upper hand to the situation.

1. Apart from their efforts to Soviez Iran, under cover of a false Islamic fundamentalism and through their agents disguised as ayatollahs, the Russians are at present trying to make a break-through towards Baluchistan. They are very active on both sides of the border. This will eventually lead them to the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, and will also allow them to destabilize Pakistan.

2. By rapidly reinforcing and building up the Revolutionary Guards, the Tehran regime tries to counterbalance the huge power left in the armed forces. The Revolutionary Guards have just acquired

flights with the basic focus of U.S. educational policy for generations. It also takes no account of the advantages to society of giving the brightest students, irrespective of family income, the best educational opportunities.

There is no question that the extremely high real cost of money in the United States has made it much more expensive to subsidize student loans. But who has calculated the real cost of further cuts in the number of private universities and the poor don't go at all.

There are obvious class implications to that approach, which con-

cerns the few part-time jobs that pay \$12,000 a year.

The philosophy of the Reagan administration seems clear enough: The primary cost of post-compulsory education should be borne by the student or his parents, not by the government. That suggests a trend in which the rich go to a diminishing number of private universities, middle-class students should do the same. The educators point out that there are 10 million unemployed Americans and preci-

12.5 percent of all 18-year-olds go to university. Those Europeans who do go, though, are heavily subsidized. They generally pay tuition, and they get some combination of grants, loans, subsidized food and lodging, and tax breaks.

In the United States, more than 50 percent of high school graduates attend universities. A few get grants, but for the most part their parents pay or the students take loans, which are subsidized; eligibility is based on income. For practical purposes, families with incomes above \$30,000 a year do not qualify.

European governments may be forced during hard times to cut direct aid to universities, which would result in reductions to faculty or sometimes in fewer places for students. But most students would still be able to attend, and at relatively little cost.

In the United States, the ability to get a subsidized loan can be the difference between attending or not attending a university for hundreds of thousands of young people. That is in good measure why the U.S.

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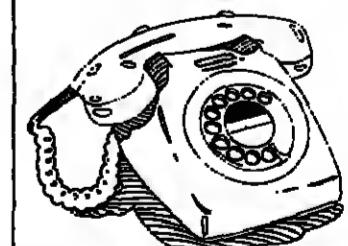
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# Banking and Finance in ITALY

## Limitations Sought On Borrowing Abroad

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ROME — Italy has begun to take steps to limit the size and rate of growth of its enormous foreign borrowing.

With \$33 billion owed in medium- and long-term loans and \$13 billion outstanding in short-term loans, Italy is far and away the most indebted of any industrialized country. Moreover, it ranks well ahead of any socialist economy, including Poland (\$26 billion) in terms of foreign debts, and, if the developing countries are considered, it ranks third in the world, trailing only Brazil and Mexico.

But whereas Eastern European and some developing countries are now being shut out of the credit markets, Italy still has access to them. Its borrowing needs, meanwhile, are still expanding. "The Euromarkets are awash with liquidity," says Mario Sarcinelli, director general of the Bank of Italy, "and Italy is still regarded as a good borrower with no debt service problems."

Mr. Sarcinelli's observation, supported by other Italian banking and government sources, may come as a surprise.

Euromoney magazine, for example, recently dropped Italy to 31st from 16th place among all countries in terms of credit risk. Italian loans on the Euromarket are now being given an average "spread" of 0.58 percent above the London interbank offered rate (Libor), the highest among major industrialized countries. (Britain's average spread is 0.31 percent and France's 0.36 percent.)

But Italy is still regarded as a good credit risk, sources say, because of the inherent dynamism of its economy. Furthermore, economic statistics about Italy are notoriously misleading, and there is a widespread belief that the country has the capacity for significant, long-term productive growth.

Three months ago, Mr. Sarcinelli said that Italy would need to borrow a further \$6.5 billion in 1982. Now he is revising that figure slightly upward. Italy, he says,

will need to borrow \$4 billion this year to refinance debts coming due and will require an additional \$3 billion to \$5 billion in new loans, for a total of \$7 billion-\$9 billion.

Italy borrowed \$2.7 billion in 1978, \$3.6 billion in 1979, \$7.1 billion in 1980 and \$10 billion in 1981. This rapid increase in foreign borrowing, sources say, is caused primarily by two factors:

• The worsening of Italy's balance-of-payments situation since 1979.

• The fact that the continued rise of the government deficit, which, combined with ceilings established by the Bank of Italy on the amount of money banks can loan out, has forced potential borrowers to look abroad as domestic credit sources have been depleted.

How much more money can Italy afford to borrow? "We're already badly over-borrowed," one bank economist said. "And we will probably go over \$60 billion in the next few years. This we might be able to handle, but I don't think we can afford to double the amount we have now."

The Treasury Ministry and the Bank of Italy recently set up a "consultation system" — sometimes called a "queueing system" — for approving foreign loan requests above \$100 million. Every two months, representatives of the two bodies meet with potential borrowers, usually state-owned companies or agencies, to discuss market developments and prospects. Loan requests are assigned priorities — by consensus if possible. The balance sheet of a prospective borrower is an important consideration, sources say, but not the only one.

### Equilibrium Sought

One goal, says Mr. Sarcinelli, who is largely responsible for setting up and administering the consultation system, is to establish "equilibrium" in loans coming due from year to year.

"The Treasury," he says, "won't allow a degree of indebtedness over a given time frame which cannot be fully serviced in that period."



Italy's central bank, on the Via Nazionale.

Otherwise, the transfer of interest would go way up and Italy would begin to have some of the same problems suffered by less developed countries, which have to struggle constantly with balance-of-payments problems." He estimates that Italy will be paying \$3.5 billion abroad to service its loans until 1984 and \$4 billion a year after that.

### Variable Rates

A second goal is to take out future loans, whenever possible, in Deutsche marks rather than in dollars. At present, three-fourths of Italy's foreign loans are denominated in dollars. Since 1979, when the recent borrowing spurt began, the dollar has increased in value to more than 1,300 lire from 800 lire.

As Italy must use lire to purchase dollars to repay its dollar-denominated loans, this has meant, in effect, that it has been paying an additional 20-60 percent on its loans solely because of the dollar's gains against the lira.

Loans with fixed interest rates, given today's high-interest climate,

are virtually rejected out of hand: More than 90 percent of Italy's recent foreign loans have carried variable or floating interest rates.

Another way in which Italy is trying to reduce the impact of its foreign borrowings is by increasing foreign assets of its own, particularly by expanding export credits. In this way, the money received from Italy's borrowers could be used to pay its creditors.

A list of the nation's major borrowers abroad in 1981 reveals the debt to which state-owned companies, with large debts of their own, are involved in foreign borrowing: ENEL, the state utility, \$1.65 billion; ENI, the state energy and chemical company, \$1.35 billion; Cassa per il Mezzogiorno, the state fund for developing the south and for distributing earthquake relief money, \$1.1 billion; Ferrovie dello Stato, the state railroad, \$700 million; Isevier, the development bank for southern Italy, \$400 million; IMI, the government long-term credit agency, \$375 million;

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## 'A Delicate Phase of Transition...'

Giorgio La Malfa is Italy's minister of budget and economic planning.

By Giorgio La Malfa

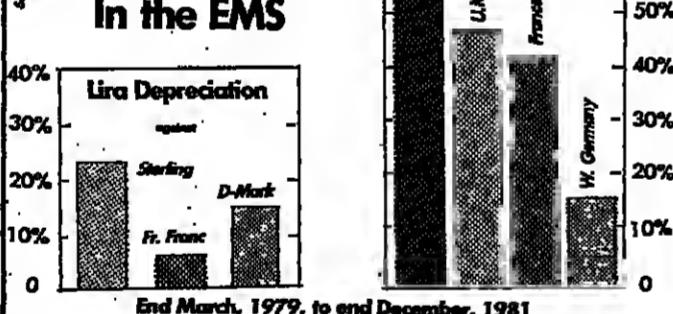
ROME — The economies of Western Europe are in a delicate phase of transition. A decade of enormous economic upheavals, two oil crises, devaluations and revaluations of key currencies, high interest rates and the rise of new industrial societies have created the need for profound economic adjustments.

Italy, where effects of the changing lira-dollar exchange rate have amply demonstrated the vulnerability of the economy to international influences, is no exception.

Some encouraging indicators suggest that, compared to last year, 1982 will be a year of greater stability. But serious problems persist that call for vigorous medium-term policies.

Once again, as in 1963, 1974 and 1976, the current account of the Italian balance of payments has shown great sensitivity to restrictive demand policies. Although for 1981 as a whole the estimated current-account deficit is expected to

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remain high — at 2.3 percent of gross domestic product — a remarkable improvement was registered in the course of last year.

Between June and December, the previous trend of faster growing imports than exports was reversed, with exports exceeding imports by about 19 percentage points. In real terms, exports grew

by about 6 percent while imports fell by 5 percent, leading forecasters to revise downward the expected current-account deficit for 1982 from 6,500 billion lire to 2,500 billion lire. And while this figure may be on the optimistic side, there is every reason to expect the deficit this year to be less than 1 percent of gross domestic product.

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## Banks Meet Competition With Adaptability

ROME — All last year, Italian bankers complained vociferously about "disintermediation," the process by which bank deposits are diminished because potential depositors choose to do something else with their money. An impressive and unprecedented total of three-fourths of all new savings is now going to buy treasury bills called BOTs and CCTs, and other related government money market instruments.

The consequences of this trend have been dramatic. In 1980, with an inflation rate of about 22 percent in Italy, bank deposits grew by only 13 percent. In 1981, when inflation advanced at only a slightly lower speed, the growth in deposits slid to 9.1 percent.

### Profits Increasing

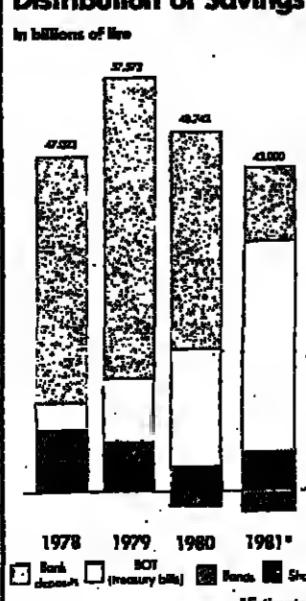
In real terms, therefore, deposits have been falling by about 10 percent over the last two years.

And the trend is continuing. On Feb. 1, 1982, according to the Bank of Italy, total banking deposits in the country stood at 278.5 trillion, a drop of 2.8 percent from January.

Yet, in the last few weeks, one Italian bank after another has announced significant increases in net profits for 1981, averaging about 50 percent to 60 percent above those posted in 1980. Given the decline in deposits, the general slump being felt by the Italian economy and the continuing credit squeeze being applied by the Bank of Italy, the performance is stunning.

From the saver's point of view,

### Distribution of Savings



it is easy to see why Italians are buying BOTs and other government certificates instead of putting their money into the banks.

BOTs are not subject to the same 20-percent withholding tax as is the interest earned on bank deposits. Moreover, the interest rates they earn are a lot higher.

In 1981, while the interest paid on various three-month, six-month and 12-month BOTs varied between 18.04 and 22.04 percent, bank deposits were paying an average of only 13.33 to 13.44 percent.

with maximums of between 18.73 and 19.02 percent. And in practice, interest rates on bank deposits often fall well below 10 percent.

How then, in this kind of financial climate, have the banks been able to generate such a high level of profits? Top banking and government sources point to three underlying reasons.

First, there is a large differential, or "spread," between what banks have been able to charge as interest on loans and that which they have paid out to depositors.

The average spread in 1981 went from a low of 11.67 percent in February to a high of 12.67 percent in May. The prime rate for the last 10 months of last year stood at 22.5 percent, dropping to its present level, 21.75 percent, only on March 2 of this year. The spread between the prime rate and the maximum interest on deposits varied between a low of 3.3 percent in December to a high of 4.31 percent in April.

However, actual interest rates often reached 27 to 28 percent, and rates as high as 30 percent were not uncommon, particularly in southern Italy. These spreads, sources say, more than compensated for declines in deposits.

### Expanded Services

A second reason for increased profits is that the banks quickly began expanding their range of services, most notably by moving into such para-banking areas as factoring, leasing and bankers' acceptances, operations that the Italian banking system had heretofore been slow to adopt.

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## As Problems Confront Policy-Makers

## Nation Still Banking on Tight Money

By Robert Wazcka

ROME — Cabinets come and go in Italy, and with them the ministers — of budget, treasury and finance — who bear the political responsibility for various aspects of economic policy. But there is a consensus that the real repository of economic wisdom lies elsewhere.

Midway between the parliament and the ministry stands a three-story 19th-century building, flanked by palm trees, that since 1893 has housed Italy's central bank.

Like most central banks, the Bank of Italy on Rome's heavily trafficked Via Nazionale regulates monetary and credit policy, defends the lira, and regulates the country's banking system.

But in a country characterized by political instability, over the years it has come to be regarded as one of the most, if not the most, powerful central banks in Europe. Since, since its inception, as a pillar of tradition, its governors — seven in the century — have been technocrats emerging from Italy's economic establishment.

A bastion of pragmatism rather than conservatism, bank officials have been trying, since 1979, to reel in a headstrong, overheated economy by means of a restrictive monetary and credit policy that to the outside observer is strongly reminiscent of the strict monetarism adhered to elsewhere.

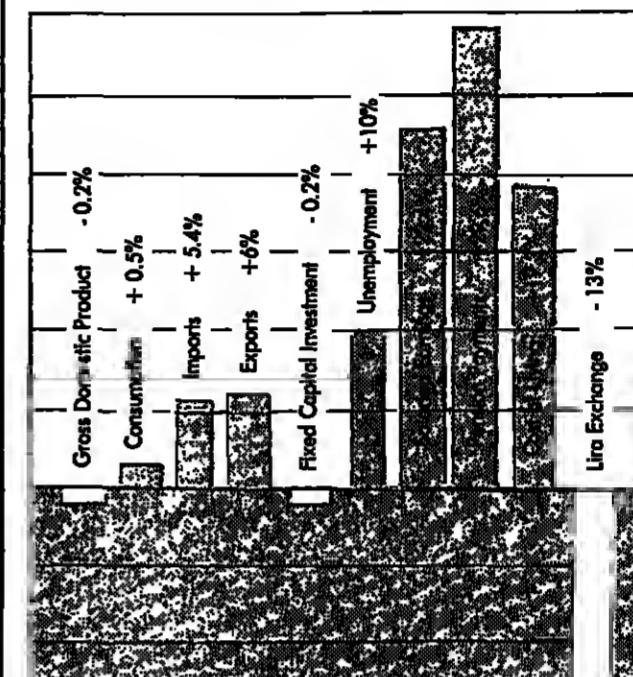
The bank's present governor, Dr. Carlo Ciampi, has kept the discount rate at 19 percent since March of 1981, when it was raised from 16.5 percent.

The credit ceiling, the limit on the total amount that all banks are allowed to lend, was 30.76 trillion lire in 1981. The central bank, exercising its right to continue to impose the ceiling, increased it by 14.6 percent to 35.24 trillion lire for 1982. Following the Bank of Italy's lead, the Italian Banking Association held the prime rate at 22.5 percent from March, 1981, until March 1982, when a modest reduction to 21.75 percent was permitted.

This tight-money policy has brought some success. Inflation, for example, which reached 22 percent in 1980, dropped to 20.6 percent last June, to 18 percent in December, and to an annual rate of 16.1 percent this March. Since 16 percent was the government's goal for the end of 1982, Italy now finds itself in the rather unusual position of having arrived somewhere nine months early instead of a few years too late.

There are negative signs for the economy along with the positive ones. And what is crucial about

### How the Italian Economy Fared In 1981 Compared With 1980



these negative signs is that they are occurring in those areas that Dr. Ciampi has indicated as the most important ones for the recovery of the economy.

The first of these is the government deficit, which Treasury Minister Nino Andreatta is struggling to hold to 50 trillion lire this year, but which seems more likely to approach 55-60 trillion lire.

Wage increases, which last year amounted to 7 percent in real terms, are a second problem. Italy's unions have so far resisted all government attempts to modify it.

Inventory Down

A third disturbing sign is that Italian businesses, which have been rapidly running down their inventories in the last several months, may soon begin trying to restock them, possibly provoking a new round of inflation. In this kind of atmosphere, the bank's strict monetary and credit policies are likely to be maintained indefinitely.

In trying to defend the somewhat fragile lira against other currencies, the Bank of Italy has been increasingly forced to draw upon its reserves, which have dropped from \$48.9 billion in December to \$47.9 billion in January and \$46.8 billion in February. On January 31, reserves consisted of \$8.23 billion in European Currency Units, \$9.56 billion in foreign currencies and \$29.99 billion in gold.

Further pressure on the lira has come from the necessity to repay and foreign loans and from a negative balance of trade.

In February, Italy suffered a record monthly balance-of-trade deficit of \$2.22 billion. For January and February together, the trade deficit was \$3.4 billion. During this period, however, Italy recorded a surplus in all goods, except oil, of \$265 million, a surplus wiped out by a net oil deficit of \$3.67 billion.

On Oil Rising

A recent decline in oil prices has been canceled out by the dollar's gains against the lira, with the effect that Italy's oil bill is still rising. The lira was devalued by 6 percent against other European Monetary System currencies in March, 1981, and by a further 3 percent in October of the same year. While it has declined dramatically against the dollar since it

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Today, such para-banking activity is booming. According to a recent databank study, total para-banking operations in Italy jumped from a level of 1.7 trillion lire in 1978 to 6.8 trillion lire in 1981.

A third reason for the boom is that Italian banks have increased their

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**Banking and Finance in ITALY****Vatican Is Said to Plan a Modification of Its Financial Structure**

By Sari Gilbert

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II has reportedly decided that earnings by the Institute for Religious Works, generally known as the Vatican bank, will no longer be used for the economic support of the Vatican's central government.

The implications of this decision, which predicated a two-day meeting in March by a special budgetary commission of 15 cardinals, are significant for the church's central administration, which is believed to have relied on yearly contributions from the bank ranging from 10 billion to 20 billion lire to help defray its huge operating deficits.

For Vatican administrators, it

means some economic rationalization — better use of the income from the investments and properties managed by APSA, the administration of the patrimony of the Holy See, and, if possible, a reorganization of jurisdictions that would transfer some expenditures (such as for the Vatican Radio or the Vatican newspaper *L'Observatore Romano*) from the administration of Vatican City to the central government of the church.

**Peter's Pence**

It would also mean greater reliance in the future on Peter's Pence — the voluntary contribution made by Roman Catholics to the pope and first instituted to ease the church's financial difficulties more than 100 years ago — and in

general on the generosity of the faithful, including local churches and religious institutes.

But the decision also suggests some changes if out in direction at least in attitude, for the 40-year-old institution itself. In one sense it is a return to the origins, since the exclusive function of its grandparent, the Sacred Congregation for Pious Causes, which was set up in 1887 by Pope Leo XIII, was to collect and manage money for the needs of the universal church.

But according to Vatican experts like Benny Lai, a historian and journalist, the move to reduce the institute's financial burden is also designed to represent an additional guard against new involvements in highly speculative financial operations that in the past

represented a risk to both financial and ethical grounds.

Although official details have never been publicly revealed, it is well known that the Vatican suffered significant losses in the collapse of Michele Sindona's financial empire in the early 1970s, as well as a blot on its reputation.

Several Vatican bankers who sat on the boards of Sindona's banks have been charged with fraud in relation to the Sicilian financier's bankruptcy.

**Masonic Scandal**

More recently the Italian papers have reported Vatican financial involvement in the holdings of Milan financier Robert Calvi, who last spring was convicted of illegal capital exports and who has also been implicated in the P-2 Masonic scandal and charged with a key role in the tangled affairs of the Rizzoli publishing empire.

As a result, the president of the bank, Archbishop Paul Marcinkus from Cicero, Ill., has become a favorite target of at least part of the Italian press.

There are recurring rumors in the Italian press regarding the archbishop's eventual replacement at the bank. But the tall, tough-speaking Chicagoan appears to have the pontiff's confidence. Recently appointed pro-president of the pontifical commission for the state of Vatican City, that is, head of the Vatican *governatorato*, he is soon expected to be made a cardinal and either left in charge of the bank or, after hand-picking a successor, made an adviser.

The pope's decision to use the bank's profits exclusively for the universal church's needs, which include subsidies for religious institutes, missionary work, charities and rescue operations — has thus appeared to some analysts as designed to reduce the pressure that in the past may have encouraged wheeling and dealing.

**Monuments, Art Works**

But it does not make the IOR any less important in the Vatican's financial empire. Considering the fact that much of the Holy See's riches consist of priceless monuments, buildings and art works that can never be sold and thereby transformed into liquid assets, the bulk of the church's wealth is clearly in the hands of the bank.

The IOR's assets are not included in the annual budget that the prefecture of economic affairs prepares for the pope, but press estimates of its worth have run as high as \$25 billion.

Located within the Vatican

walls in the medieval *torrione*, or tower, of Nicolo V, the bank is believed to have at least 10,000 depositors, all of whom are (according to the bank's mandate to look after and manage the monies destined for religious works) supposed to have promised "all or part" of the capital invested to religious goals.

The depositors include clerics and priests, Vatican residents, a goody bag unknown proportion of the world's 100,000 Roman Catholic institutions — and the Vatican secretariat of state itself.

But, according to an inside source, at least 10 percent of the bank's clients are Italian private individuals willing to accept the religious donation requirement in return for the chance to take advantage of the bank's foreign status.

**Higher Interest Rates**

Sitting on Vatican soil, the bank is not bound by Italian laws and currency restrictions. It offers the depositor higher interest rates that are not subject to the Italian state's 20-percent withholding tax on interest and accounts in foreign currency. And, above all, it affords a freedom of capital movement that since 1976 is prohibited by law in Italy.

Although it has also received numerous outright donations, out to mention the capital received between 1974 and 1979 from the Benedictine and Plain foundations, the bank's wealth stems, like that of any other successful bank, from the skillful use of its depositors funds.

Set up in its present form by Pius XII in 1941, substantial money was channeled into Italian reconstruction projects after World War II. The IOR thus carved a significant role for itself in banks, insurance companies, chemicals, textiles, heavy and light industry, engineering, pharmaceuticals, real estate and navigation.

Throughout the 1960s, the Vatican's policy was to invest heavily in Italy, wherever possible buying a 51-percent interest. Subsequently, political and economic instability, as well as growing criticisms of the church's role, are said to have led to a policy of disinvestment in Italy, limited to smaller, noncommercial ventures.

**Monuments, Art Works**

But it does not make the IOR any less important in the Vatican's financial empire. Considering the fact that much of the Holy See's riches consist of priceless monuments, buildings and art works that can never be sold and thereby transformed into liquid assets, the bulk of the church's wealth is clearly in the hands of the bank.

The IOR's assets are not included in the annual budget that the prefecture of economic affairs prepares for the pope, but press estimates of its worth have run as high as \$25 billion.

Located within the Vatican

walls in the medieval *torrione*, or tower, of Nicolo V, the bank is believed to have at least 10,000 depositors, all of whom are (according to the bank's mandate to look after and manage the monies destined for religious works) supposed to have promised "all or part" of the capital invested to religious goals.

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**Lateran Facts**

With the secretary of state as a client, the bank no doubt also has indirect access to the other side of the Vatican's financial wealth, that which derives from the reparations paid to it by the Italian state upon the conclusion of the 1929 Lateran

Agreement. That treaty and concordat, which in effect ended the state of hostility that began when Italian troops seized Rome in 1870, put an end to the popes' temporal rule, assigned to the Vatican 1 billion lire in 5-percent government bonds and 750 million lire in cash.

At the time that was the equivalent of about \$90 million, and the money was invested by Vatican banker Bernardino Nogara in foreign exchange, gold and property. The Vatican is said to own 3,000 apartments here, vast tracts of land and scores of *palazzi*.

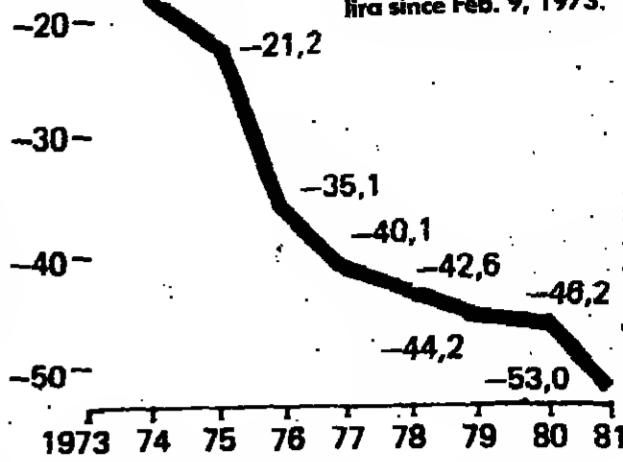
This wealth, however, has not been sufficient to prevent the Vatican's daily operating costs from running into the red. In the last few years, costs, including salaries and pensions for \$3,799, have generally exceeded by at least \$20 million a year the earnings from rents, dividends and investments combined with other revenue deriving from the sale of stamps and coins and tickets to the Vatican museums.

The Vatican first revealed budget figures for the Holy See in 1979 when it disclosed a deficit of \$20.1 million. In 1981 the deficit was \$26 million, and for this year it is projected at more than \$30 million.

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**The Lira's Decline**

Trade-weighted average depreciation of the lira since Feb. 9, 1973.

**Banking on Tight Money**

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banks. As a result, Italy, which has just over 1,000 banks in all, finds itself with about 650 rural small ones that together handle less than 1 percent of the country's total banking transactions.

Another reason is that the bank feels that competition can best be preserved from within a regulated environment. To open Italian banking up to a laissez-faire climate, sources say, would be to permit larger banks to swallow smaller ones, thereby reducing competition. The positive result of this laissez-faire attitude has been the preservation of local autonomy and competition. But a result has been to delay interbank communication and leave Italy lagging behind many other industrial countries in bank services.

With 11 of Italy's top 15 banks owned by the government, the Bank of Italy, of necessity, has had to interact more closely with the government than do central banks in many other countries. Yet it has managed, even under Mussolini, to preserve its independence. Like the Vatican, it is part shadow government and part super-ego, reminding the ever-extravagant Italians that there is a time to take one's medicine as well as a time to play in the sun.

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**'A Delicate Phase of Transition...'**

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million workers, rose to 10 percent of the labor force — with unemployment among young first-time job seekers up by 26.3 percent over 1980 — and it is expected to rise further before an industrial recovery begins later in the year. Investments also declined by 0.2 percent, compared with 1980.

In the short term, therefore, the Italian government's policy objectives are to reduce inflation further — to a 1982 average of 16 percent and to 13 percent by the end of this year — and to target GDP growth for 1983 at 2 percent in real terms.

To achieve this, the government plans to keep the public-sector borrowing requirement to within 10 trillion lire, or 10 percent of GDP, a decline from the 12.3-percent level reached in 1981.

This is deemed comparable with a target of 73 trillion lire for total domestic credit expansion. The government is also actively trying to convince labor unions and business groups to keep wage-renewal agreements within the range of the projected inflation target.

These policy objectives should be viewed, however, as part of a longer-term strategy designed to bring inflation down to the average level of the major industrial countries and to carry forward a process of real economic adjustment. A three-year plan for the 1982-to-1984 period sets no specific targets for macroeconomic variables but calls for policy actions designed to increase real GDP growth, reduce inflation, improve the balance of payments on current account and better the conditions of the southern regions in relation to the rest of the country.

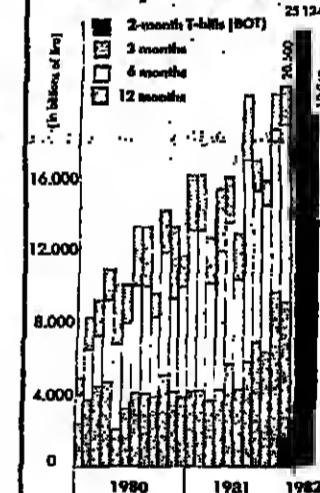
With regard to public finance and the public-sector borrowing requirement, the plan seeks to stabilize the ratio of fiscal stake to GDP, avoiding fiscal drag; to reduce progressively the ratio of current public expenditure to GDP and to step up investment expenditures by the public sector from the current 4 percent to between 8 and 10 percent. A committee of experts will be set up to use cost-benefit analysis to evaluate all future investment projects in terms of their contribution to increased productivity.

The plan also calls for decreasing rates of growth in the money supply, while agreements with the trade unions should keep the cost of labor in line with the declining inflation rate. There is a general orientation in favor of deregulation, the economy and reducing the extension of the vast public enterprise system.

The major thrust of the plan is

to bring about significant economic adjustments by increased reliance on fiscal and wage policies and reduced use of monetary policy as an instrument of insuring economic stability. The major question is whether at present the plan is politically feasible.

There is no doubt that the present government, led by Giovanni Spadolini, the first neo-Christian Democrat to become prime minister in more than 30 years, has had considerable merit in the turnaround of the economy between 1981 and 1982. But only the future can say whether the five-party coalition will be able to provide the political consensus needed for a more fundamental change of economic policy.

**Increase in Treasury Bill Issue****Adaptability**

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easing of controls on uses to which bank deposits may be put; the creation of domestic mutual funds; posting of consistent non-negotiable interest rates for bank deposits; resolving the question of *parafiscato*, or standing before the law, which currently allows public bank employees to be tried for such "offenses" as making bad loans (something for which private bank employees are not liable); ending of bank secrecy; eliminating the Italian Exchange Office (OIC) as an adjunct of the Bank of Italy; opening up company balance sheets and minutes of stockholders' meetings to the Bank of Italy as a way of preventing the spread of interlocking directorates and phony trusts; permitting private and institutional investors to acquire a limited capital interest in savings banks, something that is now prohibited, and giving the Bank of Italy more control over para-banking activities.

Even such limited reforms, however, are likely to take long to put into effect. The banks, until they are given the means to attract new deposits, will have to rely on adaptation and innovation in order to survive. So far they are doing quite well.

— ROBERT WAZEKA

**Curbs Sought**

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SIP, the state telephone company, \$350 million, and Fimmeccanica (FIR), the state steel company, \$300 million. Together, these eight borrowed \$6.225 billion in 1981.

Banking sources estimate that the troubled steel and chemical industries might need to borrow \$10 billion to \$20 billion at home and abroad over the next decade for needed new investments. In addition, some portion of Italy's ambitious 10-year, \$70-billion energy program will need to be financed by foreign loans.

It is likely, in short, that Italy will need to increase its already considerable foreign borrowing over the next few years. And there is apparently enough money available in the Euromarkets to do it. The country thus faces the difficult choice of deciding if it wants to go in this direction — and if so, to what extent.

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Woolworth Says Losses Widened

NEW YORK — F.W. Woolworth & Co. said Thursday that it expects to report a sharper loss for the first quarter than the restated 10-cents-a-share deficit a year earlier. The company plans to report first-quarter earnings next month.

Woolworth cited weaker sales at domestic Woolworth and Woolco stores and at outlets abroad, pressure on profit margins and unfavorable currency translations.

The company said the first quarter is the least important quarter and not indicative of overall year. The company restated its earnings for the 1981 first quarter after it adopted a new accounting standard for foreign currency translation. It reported a loss of 23 cents a share for the 1981 first quarter before the restatement.

Tenneco Outlines Divestment Plan

HOUSTON — Tenneco plans a divestment program this year that will generate more than \$400 million for repayment of debt, Chairman J.L. Ketelsen told the annual meeting Thursday.

In addition to the previously announced sale of the company's Canadian oil and gas properties, he said Tenneco had agreed to sell the Bush Boake Allen flavor and fragrances unit of its Albright & Wilson Bush subsidiary in Britain to Union Camp. He did not disclose the price. Mr. Ketelsen said these two divestitures will account for about half of the program planned for 1982.

Fluor to Plan Chinese Mine Project

PEKING — Fluor has signed a contract with the Chinese Coal Ministry to plan the modernization of an open-pit coal and oil-shale mine.

Fluor officials would not disclose the contract's value but said the engineering and design services would cost about \$50 million if done for an American mine. The officials said they hope the contract will be the first in a series.

Fluor said that the project will roughly double the output of the Fushun West mine in the northeastern Chinese province of Liaoning, to about five million tons of coal and eight million tons of oil shale a year. Fushun, China's biggest operating open-pit mine, began production in 1914 and now uses Japanese equipment installed in the 1930s.

Exchange Rates Hurt Nestlé Sales

ZURICH — Nestlé said Thursday that its group sales in the first quarter were down 7 percent from a year earlier.

The food company's managing director, Helmut Maucher, said at a press conference that if exchange rates had remained constant, sales would have been 14 percent higher. He predicted that the company's profit for 1982 will not be dramatically different from 1981's 964 million Swiss francs (\$494 million).

Maytag Plans to Acquire Jenn-Air

NEWTON, Iowa — Maytag said Thursday that it has agreed in principle to acquire Jenn-Air and Jenn Industries from United Technologies.

The appliance maker did not disclose the price but said it would pay in cash and notes. Jenn-Air makes electric ranges, and Jenn Industries produces ventilation equipment.

Copper Firm Pleads Force Majeure

NEW YORK — Southern Peru Copper Corp. declared force majeure on blister copper shipments because of strikes at its Peruvian mines and plants, a spokesman said Thursday.

Products covered by the declaration include blister copper produced at the company's Ilo smelter and molybdenite concentrate produced at its Toquepala mine and concentrator, the spokesman said. Molybdenite concentrate produced at the Cusco mine and concentrator is not affected.

Harvester Obtains New Union Pact

CHICAGO — Negotiators for the United Auto Workers and International Harvester Co. have agreed on the main points of a contract intended to help revive the financially ailing equipment manufacturer, a company spokesman said Thursday.

The announcement by a Harvester spokesman came more than 13 hours after talks between Harvester and the UAW had been scheduled to end. He gave no details of the proposed contract. But the Chicago Tribune cited sources as saying the proposed contract might involve the closing of several plants and the dropping of the 3-percent annual pay increase built into recent UAW-Harvester contracts.

Both sides spent three weeks in talks on a company request that the union give up \$100 million in wages and benefits through Sep-

U.S. Firms Grow  
Concerned for  
Argentine Ties

By Lydia Chavez  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — As the Falkland Islands crisis worsens, U.S. companies which have doubled their investment in Argentina since the mid-1970s have become increasingly concerned about their operations in that country.

Argentine offices have been told by their parent companies in the United States to restrict travel in Argentina and to maintain a lower profile. These steps are being taken in order not to exacerbate any anti-American feelings that may arise because of the United States government's historical political commitment to Britain.

U.S. companies have some \$2.4 billion in direct investment in Argentina and, as the negotiations go on without any settlement, executives are becoming more pessimistic. The threat by Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of further military action has heightened corporate worries.

"We are considering Argentina a temporary war zone," said Dale Frye, manager of corporate security for Miles Laboratories. Miles, which has a sales office in Buenos Aires, has restricted travel in the country. Some companies have already taken limited precautions against the possibility of trade retaliation by Argentina. Suppliers to U.S. subsidiaries in Argentina have asked for letters of credit or bank guarantees to ensure that payments from the Argentinean subsidiary will be made, according to Frank Bunch, assistant director for the Latin America division of DuPont.

As for major U.S. banks, they are quietly sitting tight to see how the crisis is resolved. With loans to the Argentine government and residents of \$9.2 billion, up from only \$1.7 billion in 1975, these banks have perhaps the largest investment in the country.

Both the First National Bank of Boston and Chase Manhattan have significant

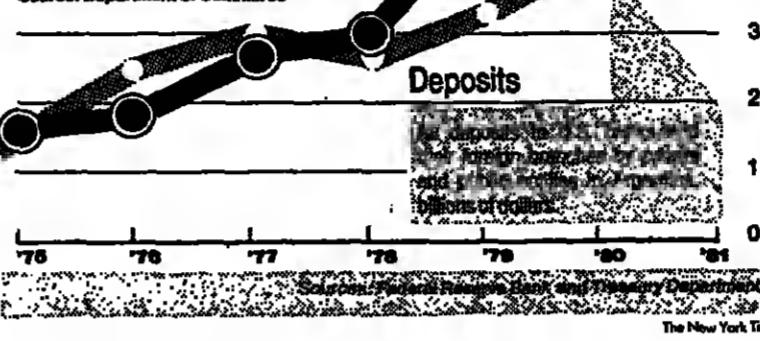
Argentina's Economic Ties with the U.S.

Leading  
American Companies  
in Argentina

U.S. companies with subsidiaries in Argentina. Ranked by 1980 total sales of subsidiary in Argentina in millions of dollars, translated at year-end 1980 exchange rate.

Company	1980 Total Sales in Argentina
Ford Motor Co.	1,903.4
Exxon	1,264.9
IBM	348.4
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	212.0
Swift & Co.	200.5
Coca-Cola	164.7
Union Carbide	109.2
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	103.8
Xerox	103.7
Deere & Co.	103.6
Pepco	103.5

Source: Department of Commerce



The New York Times

branch operations in Argentina. First National has 22 branches and more than \$1 billion in assets. Chase has 10 branch operations.

For the most part, bank executives declined to speak for attribution. "We have relations with both parties and we try to lean over backwards not to offend either one," an executive of one major bank said.

"Of course we are nervous," the Latin American specialist for a leading U.S. bank added. "The economy is going to suffer; there will be higher military imports, more capital flight, and foreign investment is going to be scared away. It all takes its toll."

Much more affected than U.S. interests are the British banks that have outstanding

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Dollar Plummets  
In Hectic Dealings

From Agency Dispatches

NEW YORK — The dollar fell sharply in hectic trading here Thursday morning after taking a sudden nosedive in European trade.

The drop was particularly sharp against the Deutsche mark. The U.S. currency was quoted in early trading in New York at 2.3385 marks, up from its low for the day of 2.3350 but still well below the opening level of 2.3353.

Dealers said the late flurry in Europe had little to do with the British-Argentine confrontation over the Falkland Islands, which had held traders' attention earlier in the day.

In London, gold's price fell by 7.1 cents an ounce between fixings in thin trading and ended the day at around \$388.75 an ounce.

Chrysler Sale  
Offsets Loss  
On Operations

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Chrysler reported Thursday that it had a profit of \$14.9 million in the first quarter, and the No. 3 U.S. automaker would have had a loss if it had not sold its profitable defense subsidiary.

Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca said the company recorded an \$89.1 million loss from operations in the first three months, but that was offset by the \$239 million it got for its tank production unit. A year ago, Chrysler had a loss of \$28.3 million for the first quarter.

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Mr. Iacocca said, "The company ended the quarter with \$895 million in cash and marketable securities on hand — the highest total in Chrysler's history."

The profit amounted to \$1.95 per share. Sales were up 11.5 percent, to \$2.51 billion.

Meanwhile, Manufacturers Hanover Trust and Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust raised their broker rates to 16 from 15 percent and Chemical Bank raised its rate to 16 1/4 percent.

In Washington, the Labor Department reported that business productivity rose at a 0.3-percent annual rate in the first quarter, reversing a plunge of 6.9 percent at an annual rate in the final 1981

quarter.

The report said the small gain in productivity resulted from a 3-percent drop in output and a 3.3-percent decline in working hours.

In early New York trading, the dollar remained firm against the Swiss franc. The U.S. currency was quoted at \$1.9577 francs, compared with an opening of 1.9559 and Wednesday's close of 1.9510.

The pound rose to \$1.7957 from \$1.7830 at the opening and \$1.7850 Wednesday. The dollar also slipped to 235.82 yen from 237.70 at the opening and 237.57 Wednesday.

The dollar's drop came despite firmness in short-term U.S. interest rates. The rate on federal funds, reserves banks lend one another overnight, was quoted at 16 percent early Thursday. That was down from a high of 19 percent at an annual rate in the final 1981

quarter.

The rate often fluctuates wildly on Wednesdays as banks settle their accounts for the week. Late Tuesday, the funds rate was quoted at 13.875 percent.

In late afternoon trading in Western European markets, the

Upside  
Domino  
Effect

Early N.Y. Risers  
that will Keep  
Generating Growth

Vitality returned to the U.S. semiconductor industry while too many analysts were still laboring hallucinatory Japanese threats and crisis warnings and the IOG fund moved accordingly into such bargains as Advanced Micro near \$17, Motorola near \$31 and Texas Instruments near \$73. Leveraging of positions via the sale of put options and buying call options at buy-signal levels pushed gains on such positions to 40 and 50 percent as soon as final March liquidation had been absorbed. By then IOG had begun moving progressively into shares of big systems builders such as HONEYWELL, IBM and NCR which will be users of new microchip configurations—often years ahead of Japanese designs which had caused all the bottom-line furor. The systems makers must turn in sequence to builders of "OEM" equipment—the printers, disk drives and distributed entry systems made by companies such as Centronics, Dataproducts and Storage Technology which have been plucked according to the IOG's accelerating process. As new networking and word processing procedures then are added to the overall drive toward full office automation, CPT, Datapoint, NBI and Wang enter the balance—with an entire bull-market format thus having been under systematic development at a time when under-informed market commentators were still agonizing about outmoded Kondratoff or Elliot wave theories. Up went the NYSE short interest to a record 94 million shares, with bears so hopelessly trapped in key makers of microcomputers, video monitors and other components of the important boom that IOG's technicians and managers were preparing for a domino-effect eruption on the upside. With the Dow on its way to 1,250, in this process, IOG's strategists have been revising targets for futures-market media ranging from cotton and T-bonds to Gold and Silver that have begun following the turnaround; and in each week's IOG Growth report you'll find ideas and projections covering the whole range of growth-oriented investment and speculative media. Send the coupon for complimentary coverage.

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The bureau said the first-quarter bargaining was dominated by the concession settlements between the United Auto Workers union and Ford Motor, and the Teamsters union and Trucking Management Inc., the bargaining arm for the nation's unionized trucking industry.

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## Britain

	1st Quarter	1982	1981
George Wimpey	Revenue.....	2,460.0	2,400.0
Year	1981	1980	
Revenue.....	1,010.0	1,220.0	
Profits.....	44.2	54.7	
Pre-tax profit.....			
Imperial Chemical Ind.	Revenue.....	2,250.0	2,310.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,780.0	1,800.0	
Profits.....	34.0	16.0	
Eastman Kodak	Revenue.....	1,811.3	2,491.1
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,490.0	1,240.0	
Profits.....	155.7	121.3	
Per Share.....	0.83	0.65	
Johnson & Johnson	Revenue.....	254.0	253.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	198.0	198.0	
Profits.....	10.1	21.1	
Per Share.....	0.60	1.29	
McGraw-Edison	Revenue.....	1,960.0	1,960.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,490.0	1,340.0	
Profits.....	10.1	21.1	
Per Share.....	0.60	1.29	
PepsiCo	Revenue.....	1,560.0	1,460.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,000.0	928.0	
Profits.....	68.1	52.8	
Per Share.....	0.45	0.38	
Ford of Canada	Revenue.....	1,420.0	1,420.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,000.0	1,000.0	
Profits.....	12.7	54.8	
Losses.....	1,000.0	1,000.0	
Johnson & Johnson	Revenue.....	1,250.0	1,400.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,000.0	1,400.0	
Profits.....	12.0	15.1	
Per Share.....	0.88	1.51	
United Airlines	Revenue.....	1,460.0	1,490.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,000.0	1,000.0	
Profits.....	10.1	21.1	
Per Share.....	0.60	1.29	
United Brands	Revenue.....	1,960.0	1,960.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,490.0	1,340.0	
Profits.....	10.1	21.1	
Per Share.....	0.60	1.29	
Chrysler	Revenue.....	2,510.0	2,520.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,479.0	1,479.0	
Profits.....	1.5	1.5	
Per Share.....	1.5	1.5	

## Canada

	1st Quarter	1982	1981
Bell Canada	Revenue.....	1,469.0	1,469.0
Revenue.....	2,416.0	2,416.0	
Profits.....	157.5	117.8	
Per Share.....	1.29	0.88	
Ford of Canada	Revenue.....	1,560.0	1,460.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,490.0	1,340.0	
Profits.....	12.0	54.8	
Per Share.....	0.88	1.51	
Tenneco	Revenue.....	1,250.0	1,400.0
1st Quarter	1982	1981	
Revenue.....	1,000.0	1,400.0	
Profits.....	12.0	15.1	
Per Share.....	0.88	1.51	

## France

	1st Quarter	1982	1981
Pernod-Ricard	Revenue.....	1,460.0	1,460.0
Year	1981	1980	
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Profits.....	142.7	85.4	
Per Share.....	6.57	5.00	

## Chinese Output Rose 4.5% in '81

Reuters

PEKING — China's industrial and farm production grew 4.5 percent last year, the government said Thursday. Last December, Premier Zhao Ziyang estimated 1981's production growth at 3 percent.

The state statistical bureau said in its annual bulletin that China's trade deficit in 1981 narrowed to 10 million yuan (\$5.5 million) from nearly 2.8 billion yuan in 1980. Exports rose 15 percent in real, or inflation-adjusted, terms to 36.76 billion yuan, and imports grew 5 percent to 36.77 billion yuan.

But the bulletin said that productivity dropped 1.3 percent last year and that about 27.1 percent of the country's industrial enterprises had losses. "The economic results of industrial production as a whole were relatively poor," it said, adding that the quality of Chinese goods was still far from adequate.

Heavy industrial output dropped, while light industry showed an impressive increase, the bulletin said.

## EEC Commission Proposes Extending Steel Output Cuts

Reuters

BRUSSELS — Cuts in the European Economic Community's steel production must be extended because of plunging demand, the EEC Commission has decided.

A commission proposal for an 18-month extension of its power to impose the cuts was formally submitted to EEC government ministers Thursday, EEC officials said. Without an extension, the authority would expire June 30.

The proposal, drafted by Industry Commissioner Etienne Davignon, says that steel demand in the EEC this year "will be below 1981 levels, which were already extremely low." The document, adopted Wednesday, adds: "Export markets are depressed, and EEC steel exports in 1982 will be markedly lower than in 1981."

Apparently in a gesture toward EEC members who see an 18-month extension as too long, the commission said the measures could be ended earlier if circumstances warrant.

The proposal is generally gloomy about prospects for the EEC steel industry, which has lost about 30 percent of its work force over the past seven years and is trying to regain competitiveness through a restructuring.

Diplomats from EEC countries were to review the proposal at meetings in Brussels Thursday and Friday. The proposal is to be submitted to EEC industry ministers Tuesday.

The emergency cuts, first imposed in October, 1980, are designed to avert disorder in the EEC steel market at a time when slumps in such major steel-using industries as construction and shipbuilding have threatened the existence of several companies.

The current restructuring program, involving all the major EEC steel industries, is designed to restore viability by 1985 by modernizing plants, shedding jobs and cutting capacity.

There is still an enormous overcapacity in the EEC steel industry compared to the level of demand for steel," the commission proposal says. Commission officials say the EEC steel industry is working at 60 percent of capacity.

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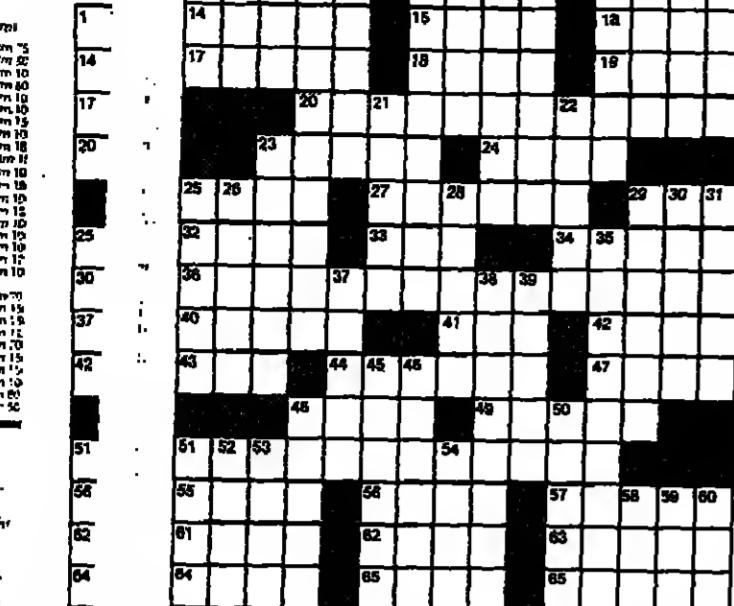
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## PEOPLE:

Stones to Mix Soccer With European Tour

The Rolling Stones will make a nine-nation European tour that will include performances in Spain during the World Cup soccer finals in June and early July. The tour will begin in Rotterdam on June 4, after which the group will play in Italy, Sweden, France, West Germany, Austria, Britain, Ireland and Spain.

"We will be in Spain during the World Cup because we must see some football," said singer Mick Jagger. The Stones' two London dates, June 25 and 26, will be at the rarely used Wembley soccer stadium, which can hold 100,000 people.

"At that point I had no choice. I sat down with them and said, 'Okay, I'll tell you everything.' But really, I revealed nothing. Using information he had been fed by competing German intelligence branches in their attempt to make him talk, he managed to convince his captors that he was disclosing information about the Allied underground."

They took him by train to Scheveningen, Holland, where he was questioned for two nights, then taken to a top-security prison at Haaren. Several months later, Vandemeersche was brought to trial in a highly publicized proceeding with 84 other agents known as the "Nacht und Nebel" (Night and Fog) prisoners.

More than half of the group was condemned to death, and newspapers carried reports that they had been shot at dawn. But the Germans, according to Vandemeersche, did not want to kill intelligence chiefs whose knowledge might later prove useful.

A few weeks later, they were moved to Germany in trucks, first to Amath, then to Lüttichausen prison in the Ruhr valley. For nearly a year, the region was pounded by Allied bombings every night.

1945 IN MAY, 1945, on the eve of the Allied liberation sweep, the German prison director at Lüttichausen received orders from Berlin to kill all the Night and Fog prisoners. Instead, the director drew up a list of German criminals, took them to the woods and used flamethrowers to reduce them to a pile of unidentified ashes. According to Vandemeersche, "We knew we were spies; he did it to save his own neck when the Allies arrived."

On May 10, 1945, the U.S. Army liberated the prison. "We were too weak to stand up, but we were alive," said Vandemeersche. He later discovered that he had been condemned to death five times by different German military courts.

Taken back to Belgium, reunited with his family and Violeta, he finished his military service before being named one of three European representatives to tour the United States lecturing on his experiences to raise money for the World Students Service Fund. Vandemeersche taught himself English on the boat trip over and stayed seven months, speaking at universities across the United States.

The experience convinced him that he wanted to settle in the United States. He completed a doctorate in physics, married Violeta and moved across the Atlantic in 1948. He has worked since then in the United States, France and Belgium as a physics professor, corporate scientist and now as head of his own consulting firm in Milwaukee.

Vandemeersche is still a Belgian citizen, although at one time he contemplated U.S. nationality. "I consider myself a citizen of the world," he added. "What counts is freedom, the human element. I have risked my life for this."

Observer  
Paging Kissinger

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Nobody knows how to get on with it anymore. Henry Kissinger, for example. For years people have been calling Kissinger "brilliant," and maybe he is, but if so why does his latest book of memoirs run for 1,283 pages?

If you're brilliant you ought to be able to get on with it, shouldn't you? I don't call 1,283 pages getting on with it, especially since Kissinger's book covers only a year and a half of his career. His first volume, covering four years, was just as long, and there are more years to come. Many more.



You keep bearing bow life is so much fuller and more complicated than it used to be and bow nobody has enough time to keep up with it these days. If so, why do network news shows take 30 minutes every night to broadcast a collection of headlines we could absorb by scanning a front page in 20 seconds? For the same reason Kissinger takes 1,283 pages to deal with material Gibbon would have disposed of in three pages. Because nobody knows how to get on with it anymore, that's why.

One of the worst cases is the government's war division. Can you imagine any government of the present age getting itself in shape to win the Battle of Midway six months after Pearl Harbor and to land an army of invasion in North Africa five months later?

Nowadays, I suspect, we'd need at least a year just to decide how big a tax break to give to corporations for converting to ship and tank construction, and another five years to find out why the ships and tanks weren't quite ready yet.

Meanwhile, of course, the government would be scolding the public for impatience, and reminding it that Rome was not built in a day, and telling it to remain hard-nosed toward the enemy, and show plenty of will, and be prepared for great tests of endurance.

I think the Japanese would set up shop in Detroit 40 years ahead of schedule. I think when Kissinger took 1,283 pages to Mitsubishi, Little & Brown, they would tell him, "Sorry, Professor, but we have never been interested in gas guzzlers."

It's the sort of book David O. Selznick used to condense into a

New York Times Service

By McG Bortin  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — In a few days "Raymond" will re-enter Fresnes prison in the suburbs of Paris to retrace the steps that led him, as an intelligence operative for the Belgian underground during World War II, on multiple missions across Spain, France and Belgium. He headed a network of 1,750 agents until his capture by the Nazis in 1943.

"I was condemned to die five times," said "Raymond," who has since resumed his original identity as Gaston Vandemeersche. "This is my second life."

Today, Vandemeersche is a successful scientist and businessman living in the United States who was appointed honorary French consul to Milwaukee last fall. France awarded him two Croix de Guerre medals for his services during the war.

He bears little resemblance to the shadowy figure who secretly carried microfilms over the Pyrenees into Spain by night and made weekly runs north to the Dutch border hidden under the backseat of a rickety Peugeot.

His visit to Fresnes, where he was held by the Nazis, comes midway through a two-week odyssey that will take him back to the desolate mountain wilderness near Andorra where he created a clandestine passage route to Spain; to the fortress in Perpignan, near the Spanish border, where he was held for three weeks as the Nazis tried to establish he was "Raymond"; to the Rhone valley near Châlons-sur-Saône, where he first crossed into unoccupied France; to his home town of Ghent, where, just after the outbreak of war, he distributed underground newspapers, and to Haaren, Holland, where he was reported to have been shot at dawn as one of 48 foreign agents found guilty of espionage against Hitler's Germany.

At Haaren on May 9, Vandemeersche will be reunited at a ceremony with three dozen former agents in the Hague on May 10, a date that recurs in Vandemeersche's life, he will have an audience at Soestdijk Royal Palace with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

Interviewed by telephone at his home in a Milwaukee suburb last week, Vandemeersche, a genial, resilient man of 60, said he was returning to Europe to recover long-forgotten details for a book he plans to write.

"Before the war I had read a book about the Dame Blanche, an intelligence network that worked during World War I. It left a mark on my soul."

"My memory is still sharp. In World War II, I was one of thousands who began thinking, where's our freedom?"

1940 WHEN the war reached Belgium in 1940, Gaston Vandemeersche was 19, a student of physics and mathematics at the University of Ghent. The German invasion caught neutral Belgium unprepared, and on May 10, radio messages instructed all men to report to work in a cafe and trying to find some to help him reach unoccupied France.

He toyed with the idea of joining the underground but was afraid to mention it to his family or friends. Finally, he confided in his mother, who provided cover for him when he went out distributing copies of the clandestine newspaper Libre Belgique, stuffing them into mailboxes in defiance of the nighttime curfew.

"We faced the death penalty if we were caught with the papers, which was a good thing because it strengthened our nerves for what came later," he said.

By autumn of 1940, Vandemeersche was seeking passage to England. He never got there. In November, some students were arrested for distributing the papers. A comrade who escaped managed to notify Vandemeersche's mother of the impending arrest. "I never said goodbye to my father or sister. I just left with a toothbrush," he recalled. After hiding for several days at the home of an elderly aunt, he crossed the French border in a truck, hidden among rolls of textiles.

He spent several months in the Tourcoing-Roubaix region of northern France, working in a cafe and trying to find some to help him reach unoccupied France.

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France to mobilize under the exiled Belgian command.

Gaston and six friends used four bicycles to do the 300-mile journey south — three of them riding on the handlebars — among a crush of frantic, fleeing civilians. German planes strafed the refugees from overhead.

"It was just a debacle," he recalled. "We had no money, no food, nothing to drink."

Finishing the journey as freeloaders on freight cars, the seven reached Toulouse, where they were sent to a command center castle in nearby L'Isle Arne.

Gaston was put in a platoon of 150 men. He also met the camp commander's daughter, Violette, who became his wife after the war.

A month and a half later, the Germans issued orders for all Belgian and Dutch nationalists who had left their homes to return or face penalties against their families.

"They organized trains to take us back to the occupied zones. When we got there, the Germans received us very pleasantly, saying we would be better off with them. They had a good propaganda system, talking of a new order, unifying the world — it sounded perfect."

When he resumed his university studies, Vandemeersche found that "French was out, English was out and studying German was required." Jews were forced to wear yellow stars, and the first stories of deportation began filtering through. "We began thinking, where's our freedom?"

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